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OF THE

## FIFTY-FOURTH CONVENTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church

IN THE

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

*Held in St. Andrew's Church, in the City of Philadelphia,*

On Tuesday, May 15, Wednesday, May 16 and Thursday, May 17, 1838.



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### CLERGY AND LAY DEPUTIES

#### WHO COMPOSED THE CONVENTION.

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#### CLERGY.

Right Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, D. D.	Rev. Bryan B. Killikelly, George Kirke,
*Rev. Jas. Abercrombie, D.D.	* William B. Lacey, DD.
William Adderly,	Freeman Lane,
Frederick W. Beasly,	Samuel T. Lord,
Samuel Bowman,	James May,
George Boyd,	George Mintzer,
Thomas Brientnall,	Richard U. Morgan,
William Bryant,	Henry J. Morton,
Edward Y. Buchanan,	William S. Perkins,
Levi Bull,	William H. Rees,
* John A. Clark,	John Reynolds,
John Coleman,	Greenbury W. Ridgely
Thomas Crumpton,	John Rodney, jr.
Robert Davis,	Joshua M. Rogers,
Wm. H. De Lancey, D. D.	George Sheets,
Benjamin Dorr,	Isaac Smith,
Jacob M. Douglass,	Nathan Stem,
George C. Drake,	Williams Suddards,
Henry W. Ducachet, D.D.	* John Taylor,
Walter E. Franklin,	John V. E. Thorn,
Frederick Freeman,	Stephen H. Tyng, D.D.
Lyman N. Freeman,	George Upfold, D. D.
William Hilton,	* Alexander Varian,
John F. Hoff,	* Bird Wilson,
* William Hommann,	Christian Wiltberger,
John J. Kerr,	James Wiltbank. 53.

N. B. Those whose names are marked thus \* were not present at the Convention.

## LAY DEPUTIES.

St. Gabriel's church, Morlattin, Berks county. Henry McKenty.

St. Thomas's, Morgantown. Levi. B. Smith, David Morgan, David Plank.

St. John's church, Pèquea. Thomas G. Henderson, A. L. Henderson, Amos G. Henderson.

St. Mark's church, Honeybrook, Chester county. \*Issacher Pawling, Edwin Mendenhall.

St. Paul's church, West Whiteland, Chester county. Jonathan Jones, E. F. John.

St. John's church, Carlisle, Cumberland county. Isaac B. Parker, \*Edward J. Stiles, \*Benjamin Stiles.

St. Luke's church, Newton, Bucks county. Garret Brown, Alexander F. Dobb, Dr. Phineas Jenks.

St. David's church, Newtown, Delaware county. Henry Carter.

St. James' church, Lancaster. \*J. L. Atlee, John Shaffner, George W. Hamersly.

Christ church, Leacock. \*John Yeates, Andrew Dunlap, Nathaniel Lightner.

St. John's church, Concord, Delaware co. Hill Brinton, Abraham W. Sharples.

Bangor church, Churchtown. John Sheaff, \*Hanson B. Jacobs, E. S. Davis.

St. James' church, Perkiomen, Montgomery co. Jesse Bean, John Shannon.

Christ church, Pottstown, Montgomery county. Jno. P. Rutter, \*Richard Casselberry, Robert E. Hobart.

St. Mary's church, West Philadelphia. \*Thomas Mitchell, Abner Lewis.

Calvary church, Rockdale, Delaware co. Richard S. Smith, John G. Johnson.

Christ church, Reading, Berks county. Joseph L. Stichter, Mathias S. Richards, \*Henry Rhoads.

Trinity church, Southwark. Richard Palmer, Peter Williamson, Dr. William H. Klapp.

St. John's church, York. \*John Gaullagher, \*Samuel Hays.

Grace church, Philadelphia. Samuel Snelling, William H. Newbold, Herman Cope.

Trinity church, Oxford, Philadelphia county. Edmund Green.

St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia. Cornelius Stevenson, Thomas Robins, William Welsh.

St. James' church, Philadelphia. Durden B. Carter, William Rawle, George M. Wharton.

All Saint's church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county. Samuel Cox.

Epiphany church, Philadelphia. \*Lewis R. Ashhurst, Caspar Morris, Joseph Watson.

St. John's church, N. L., Philadelphia. \*James Vineyard, Abel Reed, Wm. Letford.

St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia. Thomas I. Wharton, Charles N. Bancker, Wm. Kirkham.

Christ church, Philadelphia. Horace Binney, Philip H. Nicklin, Robert S. Johnson.

Ascension Church, Philadelphia. Robinson R. Moore, Nathaniel P. Poor, Charles S. Smith.

St. Peter's church, Philadelphia. Wm. Meredith, James S. Smith, Francis G. Smith.

St. Matthew's church, Francisville. David Pigeon.

Christ church, Huntingdon, Adams county. M. C. Clarkson.

St. Paul's church, Montrose, Susquehanna county. Joshua W. Raynsford, \*Christopher L. Ward, Charles Beardsley.

St. Paul's church, Philadelphia. John Farr, \*John D. George, Wm. Alexander.

Trinity church, Pottsville, Schuylkill co. Thomas A. Williams, \*John T. Harrard, \*Edward Owen Parry.

St. David's church, Manayunk, Philadelphia co. Charles V. Hagner, Samuel Wagner, Tobias Wagner.

St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery county. John McKay, Zadock Thomas, Adam Slemmer.

St. Andrew's church, West Vincent, Chester county. John Paul.

St. James' church, Bristol. George Breck.

Trinity church, Easton, Northampton county. Hopewell Hepburn, Samuel Breck, Jr.

Emanuel church, Kensington, Philadelphia. \*Samuel D. Patterson, Clement Cresson, \*Thomas H. Powers.

St. Marks church, Lewiston, Mifflin county. \*F. W. Rawle, \*Robert McNeill, E. E. Locke.

St. John's church, New London, Chester county. Charles McDonald.

Trinity church, Pittsburgh, Alleghany county. Orlando Metcalf, William K. Lindsay.

St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg, Dauphin county. James Peacock, \*Thomas Burrowes, Benjamin Parke.

St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia co. G. W. Ashmead, Wyndham H. Stokes.

Grace church, Hulmeville, Bucks county. George Harrison, \*Samuel Swift, \*Jacob Rue.

St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook, Delaware county.— Thomas Robinson, Benjamin F. Johnson, George Lodge.

St. Mary's church, Chester county. Samuel Shafer, Thomas K. Bull. 118.

The lay deputies who did not answer to their names, are marked in the above list thus \*.

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PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

Tuesday, May 15th, 1838, 6 o'clock, P. M.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the diocese of Pennsylvania, the Right. Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, with several clergymen and Lay Deputies, attended at St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.

The chair being taken by the Bishop, the meeting proceeded to organize. A list of the clergy entitled to seats, was called over by the Secretary, and the following answered to their names and took their seats.

The Right Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, D. D.

Rev. William Adderly,  
Samuel Bowman,  
George Boyd,  
Wm. Bryant,  
Edward Y. Buchanan,  
John Coleman,  
Thomas Crumpton,  
Robert Davis,  
W. H. De Lancey, D. D.  
Benjamin Dorr,  
Jacob M. Douglass,  
Henry W. Ducachet, D. D.  
Lyman N. Freeman,  
Wm. Hilton,

Rev. B. B. Killikelly,  
George Kirke,  
Freeman Lane,  
Jas. May,  
George Mintzer,  
R. U. Morgan,  
H. J. Morton,  
Wm. S. Perkins,  
Wm. H. Rees,  
John Reynolds,  
G. W. Ridgley,  
John Rodney, Jr.  
Joshua M. Rogers,  
Geo. Sheets,  
Isaac Smith,  
George Upfold, D. D.

The following Lay Deputies presented certificates of their appointments, answered to their names, and took their seats.

Wm. Alexander.  
Charles N. Bancker,  
Jesse Bean,  
Charles Beardsley,  
Horace Binney,  
Garret Brown,

Durden B. Carter,  
Henry Carter,  
M. C. Clarkson,  
Herman Cope,  
Samuel Cox,  
Alexander F. Dobb,

George W. Hamersley,  
 Amos G. Henderson,  
 Thos. G. Henderson,  
 A. L. Henderson,  
 Robert E. Hobart,  
 E. F. John,  
 John G. Johnson,  
 Wm. Kirkham,  
 Wm. H. Klapp,  
 Abner Lewis,  
 Wm. Letford,  
 Nathan Lightner,  
 George Lodge,  
 Henry McKenty,  
 Edwin Mendenhall,  
 Wm. H. Mitchell,  
 Robinson P. Moore,  
 David Morgan,  
 Wm. H. Newbold,  
 P. H. Nicklin,  
 Richard Palmer,  
 Isaac B. Parker,  
 David Pigeon,  
 Nathaniel P. Poor,

Joshua W. Raynsford,  
 Wm. Rawle,  
 Abel Reed,  
 Henry Rhoads,  
 Matthias S. Richards,  
 Thos. Robins,  
 John P. Rutter,  
 John Shaffner,  
 Abraham W. Sharples,  
 Chas. J. Smith,  
 F. G. Smith,  
 Jas. S. Smith,  
 Levi B. Smith,  
 Richard S. Smith,  
 Samuel Snelling,  
 Cornelius Stevenson,  
 Joseph L. Stichter,  
 Zadock Thomas,  
 Tobias Wagner,  
 Joseph Watson,  
 Wm. Welsh,  
 George M. Wharton,  
 Thos. A. Williams,  
 Peter Williamson,

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the choice of a Secretary, when the Rev. Dr. Ducachet was unanimously elected.

The standing rules of order were then read by the Secretary, from the revised regulations.

#### RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer prescribed by the bishop.

2. When the president takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.



5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.

7. While the president is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.

8. Every member who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

9. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded and reduced to writing when required.

10. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before any thing new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.

11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

12. When the house is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the president leave the chair.

To which was added, on motion, the following:

13. The house shall hold two sessions every day: viz. from 9 o'clock, A. M. to 2 o'clock, P. M., and from 5 o'clock, P. M. to 7 o'clock, P. M.; provided that the house will not meet on Wednesday morning until 10 o'clock, nor adjourn until half past 2 o'clock.

On motion,

Resolved, That such clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, belonging to this Diocese, not entitled to seats in this Convention, and such clergymen, not belonging to this Diocese, and such clergymen of the Church of England or of her Colonies, and such students in divinity in the Episcopal Church as may be now in the city, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

The Bishop laid upon the table, the official list of all the clergy canonically resident in the Diocese, corrected up to this day.

A list of the clergy absent at the last Convention, was called over, agreeably to Cannon XIV, Sect. 5, when the following gentlemen answered to their names, and offered excuses that were satisfactory, viz: Rev. B. B. Killikelly, Rev.

Freeman Lane, Rev. H. J. Morton, and Rev. Wm. Suddards.

On motion, the Convention adjourned.

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PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

Wednesday, May 16th, 1837, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met and attended divine service. Morning prayers were read by the Rev. R. U. Morgan, and a charge was delivered by the Bishop. After which, the communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Buchanan, May and Morgan.

The service being ended, the Convention was called to order for business. The Roll was called. The minutes of the preceding session was read and approved.

The following clergymen entitled to seats, and not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats,—Rev. F. Beasley, Rev. Thomas Brientnall, Rev. Levi Bull, Rev. John Coleman, Rev. Geo. Drake, Rev. Walter Franklin, Rev. John F. Hoff, Rev. B. B. Killikelly, Rev. Isaac Smith, Rev. Wm. Suddards, Rev. J. V. E. Thorn, Rev. J. H. Tyng, D. D.

The following lay deputies entitled to seats, and not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats: Messrs. E. S. Davies, Edmund Green, Chas. V. Hagner, Jonathan Jones, Wm. Meredith, Matthias S. Richards, Jno. Shannon, Adam Slemmer, Samuel Wagner, Thos. I. Wharton.

The following lay deputies, presented the certificates of their appointment, answered to their names, and took their seats; Messrs. John McKay, Phineas Jenks, John Paul, Geo. Breck, Hopewell Hepburn, Saml. Breck Jr., E. E. Locke, Chas. McDonald, Orlando Metcalf, Jas. Peacock, Benjamin Parke, G. A. Ashmead, Wyndham H. Stokes, Thos. K. Bull, Geo. Harrison, Thos. Robinson, Benjamin L. Johnson.

The minutes of the last sitting were read and approved.

The Secretary then presented and read the following communication, addressed to him by the Rev. Jas. Wiltbank.

The Rev. James Wiltbank having enjoyed a seat in this body, by virtue of his age, since 1833, and his name not having been called on the roll of clergy constituting the Convention, and the Bishop having declared that he is not a member of the same, respectfully asks that his claim to a seat may be

inquired into, and decided by this body, agreeably to the provisions of the Canons.

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Whereupon, The Rev. Dr. De Lancey moved that it be referred to a committee of three, to report upon forthwith; and the Rev. Dr. De Lancey, Rev. Levi Bull, and Mr. G. M. Wharton, were appointed the committee.

The Rev. Dr. Tyng presented the charter of St. Andrew's church, Pittsburgh, and moved its reference to the committee on charters, which motion was carried; whereupon, on motion, the Rev. Messrs. Morgan, Buchanan and Crumpton, and Messrs. Meredith, Jas. S. Smith and P. H. Nicklin, were appointed to act as said committee.

The Rev. Dr. De Lancey presented the charters of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester, and of St. Andrew's Church, Springville, Susquehanna county, and the articles of Association of All Saint's Church, Moyamensing, which on motion, were referred to the committee on charters.

On motion, resolved, that there be appointed, a committee on the unfinished business of the last Convention, when the Rev. Messrs. Rodney, Rogers and Reynolds, were appointed that committee.

On motion resolved, that a committee on mileage be appointed, to apportion the payment of the expenses of the clergy, in travelling to this Convention; whereupon, Messrs. Tobias Wagner, Wm. Meredith, and F. G. Smith were appointed.

On motion of Mr. Meredith, resolved, that the charge delivered by the Bishop this day, be published and distributed, under the direction of a committee, and that 1500 copies be printed of the same: whereupon, the Rev. Mr. Dorr, Rev. Mr. Coleman, and Mr. F. G. Smith, were appointed said committee.

The Rev Dr. Ducachet presented the following resolution.

Resolved, That a committee of three clergymen and three laymen, be appointed to inquire into the expediency of memorializing the Legislature of this Commonwealth, on the subject of so altering the laws relating to marriages, as to protect the rights of parents and guardians, and to secure the clergy against the risks and penalties which attach to them in consequence of their celebration of the marriages of minors, and of other clandestine and unlawful marriages; and that, should they deem such application expedient, they be authorised

and instructed, in the name of this body, to take such measures as they may think necessary for the accomplishment of this object.

Which, on motion of Mr. Meredith, accepted by the mover, was so altered, as to refer the matter to a committee, to report to this Convention; whereupon, the Rev. Dr. Ducachet, the Rev. Dr. Upfold, the Rev. Mr. Beasley, and Messrs. Jas. S. Smith, P. H. Nicklin, and Orlando Metcalf, were appointed said committee.

The Bishop then delivered his annual address.

### ADDRESS.

*Brethren—The Clerical and the Lay Members of this Convention:*

Assembled again in our annual meeting, through the good providence of our Heavenly Father, we acknowledge with gratitude to Him the continued prosperity of the Diocese. With some increase in numbers, there has been also, I trust, an improvement in spiritual character. The parochial Clergy, generally, are faithful in the discharge of their laborious duties, and their flocks are “growing up into Christ;” the final results will be known in “the day which will try every man’s work of what sort it is.”

Since we last met, the head of a neighbouring Diocese has been removed from his earthly toils, to, we doubt not, his everlasting rest; and though the Church at large laments the bereavement, she praises God for the benefits conferred on her, for several years, by the fidelity, the sound principles, the persevering labours, and the mild and acceptable administration, of Bishop Stone. My personal intimacy with him enabled me to know well, and appreciate highly, the sterling excellence of his character.—I have also to record, and I do it with much regret, the decease of the Rev. Bennett Glover, Rector of St. Paul’s Church, Erie; my acquaintance with him enables me to add, that he was a worthy man, a sincere Christian, and a conscientious pastor, entirely candid, unassuming, and unostentatious.

In fulfilment of the 7th Canon of 1835, I proceed with the detail of matters therein required.

Since we last assembled, I have *preached* on every Sunday and principal holiday, including three Sundays spent in Delaware; excepting New Year’s day and Ash Wednesday. In



the Churches and places of worship in Philadelphia, I have preached 47 times. At the House of Refuge, once.

In June last, I preached at Easton, twice. In July, at Hulmeville, Yardleyville, and Newtown; at Francisville; at Wilkesbarre, twice; at Springville, twice; at Pike, twice; at New Milford, twice; at Montrose, twice; at Dundaff, Carbondale, Bethany; at Honesdale, twice; at Easton; at Mauch Chunk, three times. In August, at Churchtown and Morgantown; at East Nantmeal and Honeybrook; at Piqua and Leacock; at New London Cross Roads and West Marlborough. In September, at Oxford and Frankford; at Hamiltonville, twice; at Westchester, twice. In October, at Concord, and at a place of worship a few miles from the church; at Douglassville, twice; at Pottstown, twice; at Norristown, twice, and at Perkiomen; at West Whiteland, twice, and at St. Peters, in the Great Valley. In November, at Lower Dublin, and at Holmesburgh, twice. In December, at White-marsh. In January, at Newtown and Bristol. In February, at Pottsville, twice; at Sunbury, twice; at Milton, Williamsport, Hughesburgh; at Muncey, three times; at Derry, Columbia county; at Jerseytown, twice; at Sugarloaf, twice; at Orangeville; at Bloomsburgh, three times; at Danville, twice; and again at Sunbury. In April, at Reading, three times. Also, at Lancaster; at Columbia; at York, twice; in Christ Church, Adams county; in Christ Church Chapel, Petersburg, twice; at Kidderminster; at Carlisle, twice; at Harrisburgh, three times; and in May, on the same journey, at Thompsettown; at Lewistown, twice; at Belle Fonte, twice; and at Huntingdon, twice.

The sacrament of *Baptism*, I have administered to seven children, and one adult, besides many other administrations of it included in the parish registers; and that of the *Lord's Supper*, 24 times, in this Diocese, including all public occasions. I have several times performed the *burial* office, acting for the parish minister. And I have solemnized 18 *marriages*.

On 57 occasions, I have administered the ordinance of *Confirmation*, besides in the Swedes Churches. At Easton, I confirmed 5 persons, and again 2, in all 7. At Francisville, 2 persons. At Wilkesbarre, 5; at Springville, 5; at Pike, 4; at New Milford, 6; at Montrose, 2; at Carbondale, 4; at Honesdale, 5; at Mauch Chunk, 8. At Churchtown, 7; at East Nantmeal, 13; at Honeybrook, 7; at Piqua, 5; at Leacock,

15. At Oxford, 8. At Concord, 5. At Douglassville, 8; at Pottstown, 2; at Norristown, 2; at Perkiomen, 1. At West Whiteland, 2; at St. Peter's, Great Valley, 6. At Lower Dublin, 17. At Whitemarsh, 5. At Newtown, 7. At Pottsville, 6; at Muncy, 8; at Jerseytown, 8; at Bloomsburgh, 6. At Reading, 6. At Lancaster, 7; at York, 3; at Carlisle, 7; at Harrisburgh, 3; at Thompsontown, 2; at Lewistown, 6; at Belle Fonte, 6; and at Huntingdon, one.

In Philadelphia, I have confirmed as follows. In St. Paul's Church, 20, and again 14, in all 34. At Kensington, 9. In Christ Church, 38, and again 20, in all 58. In St. Peter's, 30. In St. John's, 14. In St. Thomas', 20. In Trinity Church, 40. In the building occupied by the Church of the Evangelists, 21. At Moyamensing, 6. In St. James' Church, 31. In the Church of the Ascension, 33. In the Church of the Epiphany, 48. In St. Andrew's, 39. In Grace Church, 49.

The number of *Churches consecrated* during the past year, besides a Swedes Church, is four. On the Second of July, I consecrated Grace Church, Hulmeville, and St. Andrew's Church, Yardleyville. Both are neat and commodious edifices; and the latter of considerable magnitude, and very substantial; they owe their existence, or enrolment on our lists, and their promising condition, to the active energies of our clerical brethren in those parts. On the 23d of February, I consecrated St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburgh; a brick structure, of much elegance, and of perhaps double the size of the former one of wood; the zeal of both the pastor and the flock, in this undertaking, is worthy of all commendation.— On the 4th of the present month, I consecrated St. John's Church, Belle Fonte; a neat and commodious building, well arranged for our service; it has a basement story for a vestry and Sunday School Rooms: and much credit is due to the efforts and perseverance which have accomplished this very desirable work.

Before reciting my services among our brethren of the *Swedes Churches*, I take the liberty of suggesting, most respectfully, that the door be opened for their admission into union with this Convention on terms somewhat easier than new congregations. This people are older in this soil than we. What relation they formerly held to the Church of Sweden, I know not; but for a long while they have borne none, or none of a practical sort. And they have so long used our liturgy and employed our clergy, besides having frequently

our episcopal services, that it will be but an offer of Christian and fraternal kindness, to adopt some measure which may induce them to direct their thoughts, more definitely than they may yet have done, to an union with us. Perhaps it will suffice, if to our Constitution there be added a section, to remain in force during a limited period, which will allow any incorporated congregation in this State that has used our liturgy and employed our clergy for a given number of years, to be represented in the Convention at which they are admitted: provided the vestry or congregation, by some proper act, accede to the Constitution, canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of our general and diocesan Church. This legislation will cover also the cases of one or two other incorporated congregations not yet in union.

Among our Swedes brethren, I have officiated as follows. On the 1st of February, I consecrated Christ Church, Upper Merion, preached, and confirmed 11 persons: the body of the church is old, but substantial; and being found too small for the growing congregation, a transept or cross-piece was added, with a tower and cupola forming the head of the cross; an excellent plan and also an economical one, for enlarging and beautifying churches of insufficient dimensions. The edifice is now an ornament to the shores of the Schuylkill, and highly creditable to the congregation and their Rector and Assistant Minister.—On Sunday, February 4th, I preached in Gloria Dei Church, near the Navy Yard, confirmed 8 persons, and administered the Holy Communion.

It affords me sincere pleasure to record my grateful and affectionate acknowledgment of the kind attention and hospitality with which, on my journeys, I am every where received and entertained. For these welcome tokens of their official and personal regard, I pray God's blessing on the good people committed to my charge; as I do his heavenly benediction on them all, in all things, spiritual and temporal.

On Friday, August 4th, I *instituted* the Rev. William Douglass into the rectorship of St. Thomas' (African) Church, in this city.

The following is the record of my *ordinations* since our meeting last year.

On Sunday, May 28th, in St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, I admitted Mr. Nathaniel Sayre Harris to the holy order of Deacons.

On Sunday, July 9th, in Christ Church, Philadelphia, I ad-

mitted Mr. Edwin Wilson Wiltbank, Mr. Alfred Louderback, Mr. Richard F. Burnham, Mr. William White, and Mr. George W. Natt, alumni of our General Seminary, to the holy order of Deacons.

On Tuesday, February 13th, in St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury, I admitted the Rev. Alfred Louderback, deacon, to the holy order of Priests.

On Sunday, March 4th, in St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, I admitted Tobias Harpur Michell, M. D., to the holy order of Deacons; and the Rev. John W. Hoffman, deacon, to the holy order of Priests.

On Friday, April 27th, in St. John's Church, Carlisle, I admitted Mr. John W. McCullough (lately a Presbyterian minister,) to the holy order of Deacons; and the Rev. John F. Hoff, deacon, to the holy order of Priests.

I have given *letters of dismissal*—to the Rev. Marcus K. Cushman, to the Diocese of Michigan—to the Rev. Caleb I. Good, to the Diocese of Connecticut—to the Rev. Raymond A. Henderson, to the Diocese of South Carolina—to the Rev. George A. Smith, to the Diocese of Virginia—and to the Rev. Caleb S. Henry, and the Rev. Richard F. Burnham, to the Diocese of New York: all which have been accepted. Also, to the Rev. John R. Goodman, to Bishop Brownell, for the Diocese of Alabama; which have been accepted. Also, to the Rev. Benjamin Hutchins, to the Diocese of Illinois. The Rev. John L. McKim I have transferred to the Diocese of Delaware.

I have received and accepted letters of dismissal to this Diocese, in behalf of the Rev. Mortimer R. Talbot, and the Rev. John H. Marsden, both from Bishop Stone; in behalf of the Rev. Patrick Henry Greenleaf, from Bishop Griswold; in behalf of the Rev. Lewis P. W. Balch, deacon, from Bishop Meade; and in behalf of the Rev. Thomas West, from Bishop Otey. The Rev. Charles E. Pleasants I have transferred from Delaware to this Diocese.

The Rev. Mr. Clark, absent on account of ill health, has *leave of absence* for one year; his place in St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, is supplied by the temporary services of the Rev. Mr. Balch.

Our present number of *candidates* for holy orders is 24, as will appear from the list now presented. The name of John B. Foster is no longer on it. That of James C. Hulme has been withdrawn, in consequence of infirm health. That



of Frederick W. Boyd is also withdrawn. Thomas B. Flower has been transferred to the Diocese of Virginia.—On the 6th of June, I admitted to the candidateship John J. McElhinny. On the 5th of September, George Burcker, and John P. Hosmer. On the 2d of January, Edward Rice, and Samuel Rose Meade. On the 6th of February, William P. Saunders. On the 6th of March, William Sydney Walker. On the 12th of April, Edward Bourns, Alexander Shiras, and John A. Childs. On the 5th of May, Robert Bethell Claxton.

Edwin N. Lightner, who was admitted a candidate in New York, on the 25th of November, 1836, being a resident of this Diocese, was transferred to it on the 3d of last November.

Churches, not before reported, are *erecting* at Kensington, where I laid the corner stone on October 16th, and the consecration will take place next month; also at Huntingdon. At Westchester, preparations are making to build, and I am to lay the corner stone next month. At Piqua, arrangements are made for erecting a larger church, in place of the present one.

The Rev. M. R. Talbot has become the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chester, and St. Martin's, Marcus Hook; the Rev. P. H. Greenleaf, the Rector of St. John's Church, Carlisle; the Rev. E. W. Wiltbank, deacon, the Rector of St. John's Church, Concord, and has formed a congregation at Westchester; the Rev. A. A. Miller, deacon, the Rector of Trinity Church, Pottsville, in place of the Rev. R. A. Henderson, resigned; and the Rev. N. S. Harris, deacon, has charge of the congregation of the Evangelists, Philadelphia. The Rev. John W. Hoffman is a teacher in the Episcopal Academy, Philadelphia, and assists temporarily the Rector of St. Peter's. The Rev. Mr. Cushman has resigned his mission at Belle Fonte, and is succeeded by the Rev. G. W. Natt. Of the other missionaries, the Rev. W. Hommann, has resigned the charge at Pottstown, but retains that at Douglassville; the Rev. A. Louderback has taken the charge at Danville and Sunbury; the Rev. T. H. Michell, M. D., that at Alleghenytown; the Rev. C. E. Pleasants, that at Montrose and New Milford; and the Rev. W. White, that at Butler and Freeport. The Rev. J. L. McKim has resigned the charge at Honesdale and Bethany. The Rev. A. Varian has ceased to be a Professor in the Abbeville Institute, in consequence of new arrangements making in that seminary; being in "in-

firm health," I regard him as still entitled to a seat in the Convention. The Rev. C. F. Crusé has also left that institute, and gone to the State of New York, but retains his canonical relation to this Diocese. The Rev. Pierre Teller Babbit has recently been chosen the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Erie, and will soon be transferred to this Diocese.

The missionaries are all employed by our Diocesan Society for the advancement of Christianity; a corporation whose efficiency and eminent usefulness have been tested by the experience of more than a quarter of a century. In its missionary operations, the Society has no independent agency, but can only act in conjunction with the diocesan head: its Constitution, which is its charter, empowers it "to send forth, under the sanction and direction of the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, missionaries to those places within this State, where there is ground for the expectation that their labours will be useful in spreading the truths, and promoting the practice of the holy morality of the Gospel." This excellent function, under this very proper subordination, the Society has discharged with great zeal and energy, and with far more ample results than might have been expected from the comparatively slender means contributed for its disbursement. Nor only in the missionary department, but in all its operations, the Society regards itself as an aid to the authorities of the Church. The 9th article of its Constitution or Charter declares that it is "intended to assist, but not in any degree to interfere with, or entrench upon the established authority of the Church, in promoting her interest and advancement in Pennsylvania," and also, "that in whatever shall be done, that authority shall be recognised and conformed to." So perfectly satisfactory are these provisions to the Diocese, that its Convention, in 1812, the Constitution having been read before that body, responded fully to them, accepted this security for the right management of the Society's affairs, and acknowledged their gratification in having the trust for the objects mentioned in the charter deposited with so worthy an agent of the Church; the Convention declare "that they give their unqualified approbation to so laudable an institution, and promise to co-operate with them in promoting their pious and benevolent designs." Thus delegated as the representative of our Diocesan Church, for the "pious and benevolent" objects adverted to, the Society has fulfilled, and is fulfilling, its trust with great efficiency and success, though

without ostentation. And I therefore again solicit you, my brethren, whether clerical or lay, to make all the efforts in your power for the increase of its resources; I make the same request of all our Clergy, and of all Episcopalians in Pennsylvania. All have before them the clear and living proofs of its benign operation and influence. And not a few can testify to the benefits conferred, and the Christian comfort imparted, through its instrumentality, to many who have been reclaimed from sin and condemnation, and had their hope and confidence built firmly on the Redeemer, before they were called away from among the living on earth. For such an institution no exertions can be too great or too untiring. I attended the anniversary of the Society on the evening of the Epiphany: it was celebrated in St. Peter's Church, in this city; and the services were productive of much interest in the large congregation assembled.

At present, there are 22 missionaries in the service of the Society, as will appear from the following list: several vacancies exist, in stations formerly occupied.

The Rev. William Adderly, at Georgetown, at St. Paul's Church, and places near Beaver, Beaver county.

The Rev. Thomas Brientnall, at Hamiltonville, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. William Bryant, at Moyamensing, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. George C. Drake, who is Rector of St. Paul's, Bloomsburg, at Jerseytown, and Sugarloaf, Columbia county.

The Rev. Walter E. Franklin, deacon, who is the minister of St. John's, York, at Columbia, Lancaster county.

The Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, who is rector of Christ church, Brownsville, at Pike Run, Washington county.

The Rev. Marmaduke Hirst, at Rockdale, Delaware co.

The Rev. John F. Hoff, who is rector of St. Mark's, Lewistown, at Huntingdon, Huntingdon county, and Thompsonstown, Juniatta county.

The Rev. William Hommann, deacon, at Douglassville, (Morlattin,) Berks county.

The Rev. John J. Kerr, at Connelsville, Fayette county, and Greensburgh, Westmoreland county.

The Rev. Bryan B. Killikelly, at Kittanning, and Glade Run, Armstrong county.

The Rev. George Kirke, at Yardleyville, and Hulmeville, Bucks county.

The Rev. Freeman Lane, at Springville, Susquehanna co., and Pike, (Wyalusing Creek) Bradford county.

The Rev. Samuel T. Lord, at Waterford, Erie county, and Rockville, Crawford county.

The Rev. Alfred Louderback, at Danville, Columbia co., and Sunbury, Northumberland county.

The Rev. Tobias Harpur Mitchell, M. D., deacon, at Alleghentown. Allegheny county.

The Rev. George W. Natt, deacon, at Belle-Fonte and parts adjacent, Centre county.

The Rev. Charles E. Pleasants, at Montrose and New Milford, Susquehanna county.

The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, at Easton, Northampton co., and Allentown, Lehigh county.

The Rev. Isaac Smith, at Muncy and Williamsport, Lycoming county, and Milton, Northumberland county.

The Rev. William White, deacon, at Butler, Butler co., and Freeport, Armstrong county.

I include in the list of Missionaries, the Rev. William N. Pendleton, deacon, Professor in Newark College, Delaware, who officiates at New London Roads, and West Marlborough, Chester county; an arrangement very happily made for those feeble congregations.

Provision is made also by this most commendable Society, for the education for the ministry of worthy young men.— Under its Education Committee, there are at present, seven beneficiaries, three of whom are at the General Seminary, two at Washington College, and one at the University of Pennsylvania. There are also at the General Seminary, four others of our Candidates for orders.

In the Female Episcopal Tract Society, our diocesan institution has an useful auxilliary, the benefits of which are extensively felt; and which, could it obtain the amount of resources it deserves, would commensurately expand its valuable operations.

The Library of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, repositd in St. James' Church, is accessible to the members and to students in divinity.

Much patronage is wanted for the Bishop White Prayer Book Society; which conducts its operations with all the vigour its resources will allow, but which could distribute thousands of copies of our liturgy where it does hundreds, were its claims on the Church duly responded to. Its management



is necessarily local; yet it was not designed to be either a local or a diocesan institution, but as general and diffusive in its action as the contributions would permit. However, be the aid from beyond our borders less or greater, let us not forget *our* duty, to circulate the Prayer Book as widely as we can, with the ability which God giveth us.

Patronage, also, is required, and most fully deserved, by the Ladies' Prayer Book Society. Their admirable edition, cheap in the duodecimo form, and elegant in both that and the quarto forms, was much wanted, and is much prized. Let them be encouraged.

Our diocesan Sunday School Society is auxilliary to the General School Union of the Church, and recognises its authority. It perseveres in its useful labours, and merits the countenance and support of the diocese.

I again commend to the notice of the clergy, and of the vestries, in behalf of their pastors: the corporation for the relief of the Widows and Children of deceased Clergymen. Its arrangements and the advantages it offers were reported last year, and entered on the Journal: to which I request their attention.

In June last, I attended the meeting of the Board of Missions, in Baltimore; and those of the General Theological Seminary, and the General Sunday School Union, in New York; that of the Union for but a short time, the business of the Seminary being urgent. These institutions are successfully engaged in their respective departments, with advantage to the Church, and in furtherance of the cause of the Redeemer.

BRETHREN—

My canonical statement is, I believe, complete; and I am not aware that I have any other matter to bring before you. It remains only therefore, that I release you from attention to these details, that we may proceed to the other duties which devolve on us as the representative council of our branch of the Church. In the discharge of this function, may the Spirit of God be with us, to enlighten our hearts, and direct our proceedings, that all we do may be to the glory of his great Name, and the benefit of his people!

H. U. ONDERDONK.

Philadelphia, May 16th, 1838.

The Seeretary then read the following official list of the candidates for orders in this Diocese.

*List of Candidates for Holy Orders, in the Diocese of  
Pennsylvania, May 16th, 1838.*

William McDougall—since November 19, 1833.

Oliver A. Shaw—since July 7, 1834,

Edmund Neville—since March 20, 1835.

Charles Breek—since September 21, 1835.

William H. Odenheimer—since September 21, 1835.

Joseph Adderly—since October 9, 1835.

Richard Newton—since September 29, 1836.

John Hall—since November 5th, 1836.

Samuel W. Hallowell—since November 5, 1836.

Edwin N. Lightner—since November 25, 1836.

Alexander F. Dobb—since May 9, 1837.

William White Bronson—since May 9, 1837.

Gregory Thurston Bedell—since May 9, 1837.

John J. McElhinny—since June 6, 1837,

George Burcker—since September 5, 1837.

John P. Hosmer—since September 5, 1837.

Edward Rice—since January 2, 1838.

Samuel Rose Meade—since January 2, 1838.

William P. Saunders—since February 6, 1838.

William Sydney Walker—since March 6, 1838.

Edward Bourns—since April 12, 1838.

Alexander Shiras—since April 12, 1838.

John A. Childs—since April 12, 1838.

Robert Bethel Claxton—since May 15, 1838,

Total, 24.

The Rev. Dr. Uphold, offered the following resolution, which was carried, viz: That so much of the Bishop's address, as relates to the admission of certain Swedes' Churches into union with this Convention, be referred to a committee of three clergymen and three laymen, to report to this Convention; whereupon, Rev. Dr. Uphold, Rev. Mr. Dorr, Mr. Peter Williamson, Col. Robinson, and Mr. F. G. Smith were appointed said committee.

On motion, the Convention adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,  
May 16th, 1838, 5 o'clock. P. M.

The roll was called. The following lay deputies not previously present, answered to their names and took their seats, viz: Clement Cresson, Samuel Shafer.

The Secretary presented the reports of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, and of the Trustees of the same, and also the report of the Treasurer of the convention fund, which having been previously examined and found correct by the Standing Committee, were ordered to be appended to the Journal.

The Committee on Charters made the following report:

That they have examined the articles of association of All Saints' Church, in the township of Moyamensing, county of Philadelphia; St. Andrew's Church, in the city of Pittsburgh; also, the charters of incorporation of St. Andrew's Church, Springville, Susquehanna county, and of the Church of the Holy Trinity, in the borough of Westchester, and find them in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Canons, and that they have been submitted to the Bishop and Standing Committee, and by them approved.

The Committee, therefore, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That All Saints' Church, Moyamensing, St. Andrew's Church, city of Pittsburgh, St. Andrew's Church, Springville, and the Church of the Holy Trinity, Westchester, be, and they hereby are, admitted as members of this Convention.

R. U. MORGAN, Chairman.

Whereupon the said Churches were received and admitted into union with this Convention.

Leave of absence after to-day, was granted to Mr. Adam Slemmer.

The committee appointed to consider the memorial of the Rev. Jas. Wiltbank, made the following report:

That the Rev. Mr. Wiltbank holds the commission of a Chaplain in the United States' Navy; that he receives his pay as such, being by the order of the Secretary of the Navy resident at Philadelphia, and reporting himself regularly to the Commandant at the Navy Yard in this city. He is canonically resident in the Diocese, and was absent a short time since by the permission of the Bishop.

Though deeming the point not entirely free from doubt, the committee are of opinion that the applicant has during the required period of time, "been employed in performing the

duties of his station" as a Chaplain in the Navy of the United States.

The committee think that the claim of Mr. Wiltbank can be sustained only on the ground above mentioned.

They offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Rev. James Wiltbank be admitted to a seat as a member of this Convention.

W. H. DE LANCEY,  
LEVI BULL,  
G. M. WHARTON.

May 16, 1838.

Committee.

Whereupon, on motion, it was Resolved, That the Rev. Jas. Wiltbank be admitted a member of this body. His name was called, to which he answered, and took his seat.

On motion, Resolved, That the parochial reports be now read.

Convention adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 17, 1838, 10 o'clock, A. M.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Bishop having taken the chair, the roll was called.

The Rev. Christian Wiltberger, being this day entitled to a seat in Convention, was called, answered to his name, and took his seat.

Mr. Wm. K. Lindsay, a lay deputy from Trinity Church, Pittsburgh, presented the certificate of his appointment, was called, answered, and took his seat.

Messrs. John Farr and Benj. Parke, not previously present, appeared and took their seats.

The minutes were then read and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Tyng moved the reconsideration of the vote on the report of the Committee on Charters; and that they be instructed so to amend it, as to insert the words "the charter of," before the words "St. Andrew's Church, in the city of Pittsburgh," which motion was carried; and the report was recommitted accordingly.

The names of the Clergy were then called agreeably to the resolution of the Convention of 1835, to inquire whether collections had been made in their respective Churches for the Convention fund: when it appeared that collections were



made by the following, viz: Rev. Messrs. Adderly, Beasley, Bowman, Boyd, Buchanan, Bull, Clark, Coleman, De Lancey, Dorr, Drake, Ducacher, Franklin, Freeman, Crumpton, Killikely, Kirke, Lane, May, Mintzer, Morgan, Morton, Raes, Reynolds, Rodney, Rogers, Sheets, Smith, Stem, Suddards, Thorn, Tyng, and Upfold.

The following did not make the enjoined collection, viz: Messrs. Breintnal, Bryant, Clemson, Hilton, Miller, and Wiltberger.

And the following did not answer to their names, viz: Rev. Messrs. Douglass, Hoff, Hommann, Lacey, Lord, McKim, and Ridgley.

The committee appointed at the last Convention to provide accommodations for the members of this body, were called on to state whether they had attended to the duty thus assigned, when they reported, through their chairman, that the duty had been discharged to the utmost of their ability.

The Secretary moved that the Clergy of the city of Philadelphia, now members of this house, and the lay delegates representing the churches of the same, be a committee to provide accommodations for all the members of the next Convention, if possible: and that they be called upon, on the second day of the session, to report whether they have discharged that duty.

Which was carried.

It was then moved, that the committee appointed to consider and report on the subject of the marriage laws, be continued, with instructions to report to the next Convention. Whereupon Mr. Meredith moved to lay the whole matter on the table, which was carried.

On motion, it was Resolved, That until the next stated Convention, the actual expenses of the Bishop, upon his Episcopal visitations, be paid out of the Convention fund: provided that the amount so paid do not exceed the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

The committee on unfinished business made the following report:

The committee on unfinished business, in discharge of their duty, Report, as subjects for determination at the present Convention, 1st. The resolution offered by the Rev. Mr. Ridgely, and referred to a committee of which the same Rev. gentleman is chairman, page 32, the purport of which resolution is the placing of the benevolent operations of the

Church under the control of the Convention. 2dly. An amendment proposed to the 4th article of the Constitution of the Church in this Diocese, (page 34.) And, lastly, the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the General Church, laid before the Convention at their last session, (page 82, of the Journal of the last Convention.)

JOHN RODNEY,  
J. M. ROGERS.  
JNO. REYNOLDS.

The Rev. Dr. De Lancey then presented the following report of the committee appointed at the last Convention, on the resolution offered by the Rev. Mr. Ridgley, viz:

“Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of adopting some plan by which the *Sunday School, Tract, Missionary*, and other benevolent operations of the Diocese, shall be placed under the control of this Convention; and made to sustain a relation thereto similar to that which the Board of Missions sustains to the General Convention. And in case it should be found expedient, in the estimation of the committee, that they be instructed to report a plan to that effect.”

REPORT.—The committee have given their attention to the subject committed to them in its various bearings; and while they concur in the opinion that the Sunday School, Tract, Missionary, and other enterprises of christian benevolence, in this Diocese, should be controlled by the *authority of the Church*, yet as the mode of applying that authority to such enterprises admits of variety, and has not been definitively tested either by the General Convention, or by this body; and as the existing institutions of the Diocese *recognise the authority of the Church*, it is inexpedient in the estimation of the committee to adopt for this Diocese any plan in relation to said enterprises, similar to that adopted by the General Convention, until further experience shall attest the wisdom and efficiency of the same. The committee therefore submit the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That this report be accepted, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of this subject.

W. H. DE LANCEY,  
JAMES S. SMITH,  
G. M. WHARTON,  
THOS. ROBINSON.

May 16, 1838.

The same was made the order of the day for 11 o'clock this morning.

The committee on charters presented an amended report agreeably to their instructions, so that the words "charter of St. Andrew's Church, in the city of Pittsburg," are to be read instead of the words "articles of association," &c.

The Committee appointed at the Convention of 1836, on the subject of the legal register of baptisms and marriages performed by the Bishop, presented the following report, which was ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

The committee appointed by the Convention of 1836, and continued by the last Convention, relative to the register of baptisms and marriages performed by the Bishop, respectfully report, That the proposed section of a law on this subject, reported to the last Convention, and placed on the minutes of its proceedings, has passed both houses of the Legislature of this Commonwealth at the last session, received the signature of the Governor, and has become a law, a certified copy of which is annexed.

GEORGE UPFOLD.

Section 5. That baptisms and marriages which have been or may be solemnized by any Bishop within this State, may be entered by him on the register of any Church of which the said Bishop has the supervision, and the same when entered on the said register shall have the same legal effect and operation as if the said marriage or baptism had been solemnized by a clergyman having charge of the said Church, and been by him entered on the register thereof.

I certify that the foregoing is a copy of the 5th section of an act passed by the legislature of Pennsylvania, at the late session, authorizing the appointment of assignees or trustees of John Vaughan, and for other purposes.

Witness my hand, at Harrisburg, May 15, 1838.

FR. R. SHUNK,  
Clerk H. Representatives.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the admission of certain Swedes' Churches, reported progress, and begged leave to be continued, and to report at the next Convention; whereupon the

said committee was continued, and instructed to report accordingly.

On motion, Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to have printed 750 copies of the Journal.

The Rev. Dr. De Lancey, Secretary of the Standing Committee, laid upon the table the minutes of that body for the last year.

On motion of Mr. Meredith, Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a report upon the state of the Church in this Diocese, to be laid before the next General Convention; whereupon the Rev. Dr. De Lancey, Rev. Mr. May, and Mr. Meredith were appointed that committee.

Mr. Zadoc Thomas asked and obtained leave of absence.

Eleven o'clock having arrived, the order of the day was called up.

The Rev. Mr. Ridgley then presented the following report in behalf of minority of the committee, on the resolution offered by him.

The minority of the committee appointed at the last Convention, to consider the expediency of bringing all the benevolent operations of the Diocese under the control of the Church, *differ from* the report of the majority, that "it is inexpedient at present." In the opinion of the minority, it is *always* expedient to do our *duty*; and that it is the duty of the Church to perform the very work which we have hitherto abandoned to the fluctuating charity of irresponsible Societies, it would be easy to demonstrate.

The doctrine that the Church herself is the best, because the only *divinely founded*, Society for all purposes of religious benevolence, appears at once so favorable to harmony and order, and so consonant with our distinctive principles, that it is a matter of surprise that it has not long ago been applied to our entire ecclesiastical organization. This great reform, though of recent origin, yet, created as it has been by a recurrence to first principles, has not been tardy in its progress. It has already been carried into several of our Dioceses; and we trust that the time is not far distant, when it will be the only basis of religious action in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

That the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, which the Saviour himself has constituted, is greatly to be preferred before any of those self-created and irresponsible Asso-



ciations, which (with the best intentions) often attempt to discharge its duties, and by which in some department of religious effort, it has been almost entirely superseded—is obvious for the following reasons:

1st. It is consonant with her organization, and the *object* for which she was instituted, that the Church should undertake these duties. Is she not commanded to “preach the gospel to all the world?” Must she then not raise up from amongst her members, a company of *Preachers*—call them, qualify them, indoctrinate them, commission them. And in doing this, does she not act as a divinely instituted “*Education Society*?” But “how shall they preach except they be sent?” It is her duty then to *send* them, subject to her authority, to their respective stations. Not only so, she is bound to support them at their work—aye, and direct their movements. In all this does she not exhibit herself as a divinely founded “*Missionary Society*?” By the one operation she produces the men, by the other she is made responsible for the money and the management. But further still—she is required to furnish them in their respective fields of labour with all the *implements* and *appliances* which may be important to aid them at their work. Are Bibles necessary? She is bound to furnish them. And thus by the very terms of her ecclesiastical existence, she becomes a *Bible Society*. Are Tracts, Prayer Books, Sunday Schools important? Then by the same fundamental conditions of her being, she is bound to become a Tract, Prayer Book, Sunday School Society. Is it found to be important, in order that the minds of men should be prepared for the full play and power of this simple and yet splendid moral enginery, of which God himself is the inventor and architect, that they should become thinking beings, should be *educated*? Then the subject of popular instruction is not exclusively confined within the province of our civil legislatures; but a wise consideration of it, becomes the bounden duty of the Church.

2. *She is explicitly commanded to undertake these duties herself.* The command before referred to, contains two points: 1st, the thing to be done; 2dly, the agent who is to do it. The duty is to ‘preach the gospel;’ which implies all the preparatory arrangements leading to that result. A ministry must be created, or to speak more correctly, perpetuated. Men are to be converted and called. In order to this, the Church must use the means. They must be educated, commissioned, sup-

ported, directed. And who is to do all this? To whom has God entrusted this arduous duty, requiring so much wisdom, faithfulness and power? To the Church, and to her alone. May the servant whom his Lord has commanded to do a particular thing, call upon another to do it? No, the burden has been laid upon the Church, and she is not at liberty to entrust any part of it, to shoulders feebler than her own. The action is not more explicitly pointed out, than the agency which is to effect it.

3. *A blessing is pledged to the right performance of this work*; the Saviour has promised to be with his Church even unto the end of the world, to bless her labours, and crown them with success. But he has made no such promise to any irresponsible Associations.

The world is to be converted by means apparently inadequate. But when the infidel scornfully refers us to our feebleness, we point to that cheering promise, and inform him that the power is of God. This cheers us at our work—this causes the soothing impression to sink deep into our hearts, that “duty is ours and results are his.”

Every christian feels that as in the conversion of a single individual, so in that of a world—“God giveth the increase;” upon that alone must we rely. Let us not then forfeit the blessing by abandoning the conditions on which it has been pledged.

Is it not true, that the Church is entitled to appropriate this promise, only so far and so long as she herself is (as a church) engaged in active obedience to the command, with which it has been placed in juxta-position upon the sacred page? How far this may account for any comparative want of success in the received plan of missionary effort by popular Societies, we do not undertake to determine.

4. If it were *lawful* for the Church in this diocese to abandon these operations to the popular Societies of the day, yet let it be remembered that this Convention is *not* the Church. We are delegates appointed by her, to do her work—Even if *she* might transfer that work to other hands, we, her representatives, have no authority to do so. Could Congress commit the commercial, agricultural, and manufacturing interests of this country to the Chambers of Commerce, Agricultural Societies, Trades’ Unions, and other irresponsible combinations with which the land is teeming? The people might do this,

perhaps, but their representatives cannot—delegated power cannot be delegated.

5. Another reason for carrying this policy throughout our entire organization, (in the opinion of the minority) is, that this alone can give permanence to the missionary arrangements in which the General Convention have recently embarked. There are some amongst us who smile incredulously whenever that arrangement is referred to; they speak of it as extravagant and impracticable, and do not hesitate to predict an early winding up of the whole affair, and recurrence to the old plan of independent action—Nay, some of these are taking pretty efficient means to realize, as far as their influence extends, their own predictions. They readily perceive that a Missionary Society under the General Church unsupported by auxiliaries, under the Conventions of the several dioceses, is an edifice without a suitable foundation. When the agents of such a Society come into any diocese to present its claims, they must depend upon occasional collections, upon independent auxiliary Associations, or upon their own great system carried into effect under the authority of the diocesan Convention: the former will not be thought of as a permanent reliance—the experience of all denominations proves it to be inadequate. The second is a departure from their own leading principles, apothegm, that “the Church is the best Society.” The third is the only feasible plan, viz: diocesan Auxiliaries bearing the same relation to the State Conventions that the parent Institution does to the representative confederacy of the Church at large.

When the present *Theory of Missions* was adopted by the General Convention, and was sent forth to do its work of conciliation and benevolence, bearing the imprimatur of the Church, the large majority of Episcopalians exceedingly rejoiced; it was considered a great advance upon any position which we had ever occupied before. But that theory to be successful must be fully carried out in practice. A great Society under the General Convention and irresponsible Associations in the several dioceses, can never prosper. The Parent Institution must be upheld by auxiliaries formed upon a plan similar to its own, or sectional opposition will be sure to destroy it. Independent Societies gotten up for local purposes will occupy the whole ground: its claims, however urgently pressed, can be but partially entertained by commu-

nities that have already been levied upon by the vigilant rapacity of sectional institutions.

The charity funds of every parish ought to be under the control of the "Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen," those of the diocese under that of its Convention acting through committees, or a Board of its own appointment, and subject always to its annual legislation—This alone can give maturity and completeness to that beautiful scheme of truly Episcopal benevolence which was adopted by our highest authorities in 1835—this alone can develop in the fulness of its meaning that great truth, which seems to be passing into a sort of missionary proverb, "the Church is the best Society."

The minority of the Committee will not detain the Convention by offering further arguments, although many important considerations remain to be presented; but will conclude by directing their attention to one important distinction which seems to have been overlooked. The question which the resolution that constitutes the body of these proceedings brings before the Convention, is not whether it be *expedient* to bring our operations of religious benevolence under the control of the Church at any *particular time*, or in any particular way, but *generally* whether it be expedient that this should be done *at all*. With this a direction was given to prepare some plan for that object—a plan to take effect now or at *some future time*, as the case may appear to demand.

In the opinion of the minority, the Report of the majority does not fully respond to the resolution upon which it has been formed—That seems to call for a *resolution* distinctly rejecting or establishing the principle; and also either the Report of a distinct plan embodying that principle, or in the absence of *necessary information*, the suggestion of the preparatory measures necessary to procure it. To postpone the subject indefinitely, may be to bury the consideration of it forever. With these views the minority beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That *the Church* as instituted by the Saviour himself, is the best organization for the purposes of religious benevolence, that has ever been devised; and that all attempts to supersede it by institutions of merely human origin, must be injurious to the interests of the Gospel.

Resolved, That the Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, is a Society for the Advancement of Christianity, of which



every baptised person within her borders is a member; and to which every such person, by virtue of his membership, is bound to contribute according to his ability.

Resolved, That it is expedient that all our operations of religious benevolence, should be under the control and legislation of this Convention.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to collect information as to the different modes of applying these principles in other Dioceses where they have already been distinctly recognised and adopted; to confer with the existing Societies of the Diocese as to ascertain feelings on the subject, and to report to the next Convention.

G. W. RIDGLEY.

Rev. Dr. DeLancey moved that the resolution recommended by the majority be adopted.

Mr. Ridgley moved that the resolution of the report of the majority be postponed, and that the resolutions reported by the minority be substituted in their room.

After debate, it was moved and resolved, that the election of officers be made the order of the day for half past 5 o'clock this afternoon; and that the reports of the majority and of the minority of the committee on Mr. Ridgley's resolution be made the order of the day for 6 o'clock.

Whereupon, the Convention adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

Thursday, May 17, 1838, 5 o'clock, P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The roll was called.

The Rev. J. J. Kerr appeared, answered, and took his seat. Dr. Caspar Morris, not previously present, answered to his name, and took his seat.

The minutes were read; and on motion, it was resolved that the question on the minutes be postponed.

The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the practice of introducing printed tickets containing the names of the candidates for offices be abolished.

The Chair decided the motion to be out of order.

Whereupon, Rev. Mr. Douglass appealed to the house from the decision of the Chair. The vote being taken on the ap-

peal, it appeared that the appeal was not sustained. So the motion was decided to be out of order, and the question was not put.

The question was then taken on the minutes, and they were approved as correct.

Half past 5 o'clock having arrived, on motion, the order of the day was entered upon; when the Rev. B. Dorr and the Rev. Mr. Wiltberger, were appointed tellers to collect the votes of the clergy; and Messrs. Palmer and S. Wagner, tellers to collect the votes of the laity.

The tellers reported the following persons to be elected by joint ballot, and they were declared elected accordingly.

#### Standing Committee.

Rev. Dr. De Lancey,	Mr. James S. Smith,
Mr. Boyd,	Tobias Wagner,
Dr. Ducachet,	John Andrews,
Mr. May,	Philip H. Nicklin
Mr. Dorr,	George M. Wharton.

#### Deputies to the General Convention.

Rev. Dr. De Lancey,	Mr. William Meredith,
Mr. Bowman,	Horace Binney,
Mr. Bull,	Edward J. Stiles,
Dr. Upfold,	James S. Smith.

#### Committee on Supply of Vacant Congregations.

Rev. Mr. Rodney,	Mr. Samuel Hazlehurst,
Mr. Sheets,	Mr. Lewis Ashhurst,
Mr. Suddards,	Dr. W. D. Brinckle.

#### Treasurer of Convention,

Mr. Tobias Wagner.

#### Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund,

Mr. Philip H. Nicklin.

The order of the day for 6 o'clock was then called up: when Mr. Binney moved to amend the resolution offered by the majority, by striking out the words in the first clause, "this report be accepted, and," which was carried. So the question was taken on the resolution thus amended, when it was Resolved, That the committee be discharged.

Col. Thos. K. Bull moved that the next Annual Convention be held in Christ Church, in the borough of Reading.

Rev. L. N. Freeman moved to substitute "Pittsburg," in the place of "Christ Church, in the borough of Reading."

Mr. Jas. S. Smith moved to postpone the consideration of the substitute and the original motion, which was carried: whereupon the same gentleman moved that the next Convention be held in St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia.

Rev. Dr. Ducachet moved to substitute "St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia," for "St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia." Whereupon, the motion that the Convention meet in St. Peter's Church was withdrawn; and the vote being taken upon St. Andrew's Church, it was resolved that the next Annual Convention be held in St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Mr. May offered the following resolution.

Whereas, it is proper, when members of the Church, clergymen and laymen, assemble to consult upon the interests of the Church and of religion, that they should have regard to their own religious improvement, and that for this end, much attention should be given to "the ministry of the Word and prayer." Therefore,

Resolved, As the sense of this Convention, that there ought to be frequent religious services, with preaching, during the session of the Convention:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to make arrangements for carrying into effect the sense of the Convention thus expressed, against the next annual session.

Which, on motion of the mover, was ordered to lie on the table for consideration at the next Convention.

The committee on the mileage of the clergy, asked an appropriation of \$200; when, on motion, it was Resolved, that the appropriation be granted.

The Secretary then presented to the consideration of the house, the proposed addition to the IV article of the Constitution of the Church in this Diocese, which was laid over from the last year for consideration at this Convention.

When any church which has been admitted a member of the Convention of this Diocese, shall, for three years, have made no parochial report to the same, no missionary report being made in its behalf, and, during the same period, shall neither have employed a clergyman as its parish minister, nor requested of the Bishop to have the services of a missionary, the said Church shall no longer have a right to send a deputy or deputies to the Convention; and it shall be the duty of the

Convention to declare the same. But any such Church shall again acquire that right, if, on its application, accompanied with a report of its condition satisfactory on the points herein mentioned, the Convention shall agree thereto: and this right shall take effect from and after the rising of the Convention so agreeing.

The ayes and noes being taken on the question of its adoption, it was unanimously agreed to, and the addition to the IV article of the Constitution was made accordingly, the votes standing thus:

#### CLERGY.

AYES.—Bishop Onderdonk, Rev. Messrs. Buchanan, Crumpton, Davis, De Lancey, Dorr, Drake, Ducachet, Franklin, Hilton, Hoff, Kerr, Mintzer, Morgan, Morton, Ridgley, Smith, Stem, Upfold, Wiltberger.

#### CHURCHES.

AYES.—St. Luke's Church, Newtown; St. Stephen's, Harrisburg; St. Martin's, Marcus Hook; St. David's, Manayunk; St. Paul's, Montrose; St. Peter's Church, St. James' Church, St. Paul's Church, St. Andrew's Church, Grace Church, in the City of Philadelphia; St. John's Church, Northern Liberties, and Trinity Church, Southwark.

The question was then taken on the resolution recommended and laid over for adoption at this Convention, viz:

Resolved, That a copy of this alteration of the Constitution, now finally approved of and adopted by this Convention, be sent by the Secretary to every Church which has been admitted a member.

It was then moved and resolved, that the following gentlemen be nominated by this Convention as Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, to represent this Diocese in that board; and that they be recommended to the General Convention for appointment, viz:

Rev. Dr. De Lancey,	Hon. David Scott,
Dr. Upfold,	John Read, Esq.,
John Rodney, Jr.,	William Meredith, Esq.,
George Boyd,	Hon. John Reed,
Dr. Ducachet,	James S. Smith, Esq.,
Levi Bull,	Benjamin Stiles, Esq.

The Convention then united in singing the last four verses of the 99th Psalm of the selection; when, after the benediction of the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

HENRY WILLIAM DUCACHET, Secretary.

These reports, which were read at different periods during the sitting of the Convention, are here inserted.

## PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1st, 1838.

Report of the Rev. William Adderly, Missionary, rector of St. Luke's, St. Paul's, and St. Peter's Churches, Beaver County.

### *St. Luke's Church, Georgetown.*

Baptisms, adults 1; infants 5; total, 6; Congregation, families about 21; communicants, added 2, died or removed 3, present number 35; public services, on Sundays 27; other days 3; total 30; marriages 1; burials 2. The Sabbath School, which is usually closed during the winter season, had not commenced.

### *St. Paul's Church.*

Baptisms, infants 5; congregation, families 24; communicants, added 4; present number 36; public services, on Sundays 24; other days 4; total 28; marriages 1; children catechized 20; times 7; Sunday school 1; teachers 4; pupils 42; collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, \$3,50; missionary and other purposes, \$13,08; total, \$16,58.

### *St. Peter's Church, Beaver Falls.*

On my return from the last Convention, I had been invited by the citizens of Fallstown, to visit that place, for the purpose of forming a congregation. I immediately proceeded to Fallstown, where I was received with kindness to be long and gratefully remembered.

Finding that the people were very desirous of worshipping Almighty God, according to the usages of that Church in which they had been brought up, and every thing being found favourable, a congregation was immediately organized, agreeably to the charter, to be called St. Peter's Church, of which, by request of its vestry, and consent of the vestry of St. Luke's, and St. Paul's Churches, I took charge, devoting to it one third of my time. The number of families is about 20, to whom I have preached in a school-house 26 times, 20 on Sundays, and 6 on other days. In every point of view, this congregation is encouraging, there is an interest manifested with respect to the affairs of the Church, and the things of religion in general, which is rarely seen in infant congregations.



The vestry have resolved on my return, to take measures for the erection of a building. If this congregation is to increase, it is absolutely necessary that this should be done immediately. They will not be able to accomplish it themselves, without the assistance of their christian brethren abroad, of whose liberality, it is an object every way worthy.

In addition to the above services, I have preached at Freeport twice, Bridgewater three times, Alleghenytown six times, and administered the Lord's Supper, and Greensbury eight times.

The Sunday schools are prospering, particularly that of St. Paul's, and here I would gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a parcel of Sunday school books, a donation from the Sunday school of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, through the kindness of its Rector. Should some other friend of Sunday schools, make a similar donation for a Sunday school at St. Peter's Church, where one is very much wanted and desired, it would be very thankfully received.

The Rector of these parishes, in reviewing the labours of the past year, finds great reason for thankfulness to God, that though necessarily exposed in the duties of his ministry to the most disagreeable weather of last winter, his health has continued to improve. His congregations are becoming more encouraging every year, from an increasing interest in them to the things of religion.

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Report of the Rev. Charles H. Alden.

I have preached occasionally at the House of Refuge and elsewhere: have officiated at baptisms and funerals, and rendered such assistance to several of the parochial clergy, as was consistent with my duties as Principal of the Young Ladies' High School of this city.

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Report of the Rev. Thomas G. Allen, City Missionary.

As by the Canon of the General Convention of 1835, every Clergyman not regularly settled in any Parish or Church, shall report to the Ecclesiastical authority of his Diocese, the occasional services he may have performed, I therefore present the following view of my movements.

I continue acting in the capacity of a City Missionary.

During the year, up to this date, I have officiated in the service of the Church, alone, on seven occasions. I have ad-

ministered, or assisted in the administration of, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, on 20 occasions. I have baptised 51 persons.

In preaching, lecturing, &c., I have officiated on 194 occasions; I have married 30 couple; I have officiated on 106 funeral occasions.

During the year, up to March 12th, my pastoral visits have been 1686, 1568 of them to the sick and afflicted. I have distributed 13 bibles, 2 new Testaments, 52 Prayer Books, and 39,766 pages of tracts. I continue the plan of loaning tracts.

My monthly meetings at the Widow's Asylum, and my weekly meetings at the Magdalen Asylum, also at my own house, are continued. Many of the latter have not been included in the foregoing enumeration.

May the Lord deign to glorify himself, through a very imperfect instrument for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Report of the Rev. Lewis P. W. Balch, rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 150; baptisms, adults 15; infants 11; total 26; confirmed 38; communicants, added 22; died or removed 4; present number, 468; marriages 3; burials 3; public services, on Sundays 104; other days 3, and a lecture every Thursday evening, during eight months of the year; children catechized, 3 times; Sunday schools, male teachers, 20; pupils, 227; female teachers, 47; pupils, 486; total, 67 teachers, 708 pupils; bible class, members, 55; collections, Episcopal Fund, \$61.57; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$92.77; missionary and other purposes, \$2500; total, \$2,654.34.

On the 31st December last, I took charge of this Church, during the absence of the Rector, the Rev. J. A. Clark, who has gone to Europe for the benefit of his health. Last advices state his health to be improving—it is yet uncertain when he may return—perhaps during the coming summer or autumn.

Report of the Rev. F. W. Beasley, Rector of All Saints' Church, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, adults, 6; infants, 11; total, 17; communicants, added, 8; died, 1; removed, 2; public services, on Sundays, 103; confirmed, 17; marriages, 4; Sunday schools, 2; collec-

tions, Episcopal fund, \$9 04; Soc. Adv. Christianity, \$20; missionary and other purposes, \$750; total, \$779 4.

In addition to the services on Sundays in the Churches belonging to our congregation, the Chapel at Holmesburg has been opened, during the greater part of the year, on Wednesday evenings, for prayer and a lecture. There have also been other services in the Churches on particular days. The Rector has also officiated in some of the school houses in the neighbourhood. The children have been catechised, and are at present assembled for that purpose on every Sunday.

One of the Spanish bells imported into our country during the past winter, weighing about 400 pounds, has been purchased for the Church at Holmesburg. The sum required for this purpose, and also money for the erection of such a structure as is necessary for its suspension, was collected by the praiseworthy efforts of the ladies of the congregation, and through the liberality of our friends.

Although we have to lament that the influence of pure religion does not extend more rapidly in our neighbourhood, we have cause for much encouragement and gratitude, when we consider the spiritual condition and prospects of our church.

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Report of the Rev. S. Bowman, Rector of St. James' Church, Lancaster, Lancaster county.

Baptisms, adults, 6; infants, 10; total, 16; confirmed, 7; communicants, 64; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 57; marriages, 8; burials, 9; children catechised, 45; times, 12; Sunday schools, 3; male, 1; teachers, 7; pupils, 35; female, 1; teachers, 13; pupils, 55; infant school, 1; teacher, 1; pupils, 25; total, schools, 3; teachers, 21; pupils, 115; collections, Episcopal Fund, \$34 20; Soc. for Adv. Christianity, \$35 75; Convention fund, \$11 71.

The Sunday school teachers assemble every Monday evening, when the portion of scripture or catechism which is to occupy their classes on the following Sunday, is explained to them.

The Female Missionary Society of St. James' Church, have contributed by the sale of their own work, \$100 to the funds of the General Society.

The Juvenile Missionary Society, composed entirely of very young members of the Church, have raised for the same object, and by the same means, \$30.

About a year since, the plan of monthly offerings for mis-



sionary purposes, was adopted in the congregation, and with very gratifying success. The amount received up to the 1st of May, is \$176 13. Each contributor directs where his contribution shall be applied, whether to foreign, domestic, or diocesan missions.

Total amount for all purposes, \$387 79.

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Report of the Rev. George Boyd, Rector of St. John's Church, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 14; infants, 29; total, 43; communicants, added, 18; died or removed, 48; present number, 215; public services, on Sundays, 2; other days, 2; total, 4; confirmed, 13; marriages, 4; burials, 21; children catechised, 250; times, monthly; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 80; female, 2; teachers, 20; pupils, 230; total, schools, 3; teachers, 25; pupils, 310; collections, Episcopal Fund, \$10; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, \$100; missionary and other purposes, \$1422; total, 1532.

I mentioned in my last report, that the female members of this church had undertaken the collection of contributions for the purpose of discharging the debts upon the Church. They have not collected much directly in the form of subscriptions, but by the sale of fancy articles, mostly the work of their own hands, they have contributed largely to the relief of the Church. By their exertions, debts to the amount of \$2800 have been paid. In this work there is a becoming interest felt, and its success under the divine blessing is now rendered certain, being in the hands of those who never think they have done enough while any thing remains for them to do.

The Sunday schools are conducted as usual, without any material change in the number of the pupils, or of the teachers. It gives me pleasure to say that in the male department, though we have experienced a great loss by the removal of several valuable teachers, those who remain are prosecuting their work with great zeal and efficiency.

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Report of the Rev. Thomas Brientnall, Rector of St. Mary's Church, West Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 17; total 19; communicants, added 7; died or removed, 4; present number, 21; marriages, 4; burials, 5; public services, on Sunday, 80; other times, 3; total, 83;

Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 22; female, 1; teachers 3; pupils, 17; total, schools, 2; teachers 8; pupils, 39

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Report of the Rev. S. C. Brinckle, Assistant Minister of the Swedish Churches, near Philadelphia.

In compliance with a canon of the late General Convention, the undersigned begs leave to state, that he is still connected with the Swedish Churches, near Philadelphia, as one of the assistant ministers, and as such, officiating regularly. His immediate charge is St. James' Church, Kingessing, where of late are some favourable indications, though the peculiar organization of these Churches is such as to forbid any permanent improvement until a change therein shall be effected, a consummation, therefore, devoutly to be wished.

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Report of the Rev. William Bryant, Missionary, Rector of All Saint Church, Moyamensing, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, infants, 29; total, 29; congregation, families, none known; communicants, added, 7; died or removed, 1; present number, 47; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 25; total, 129; confirmed, 6; marriages, 3; children catechized, 50; times, 10; Bible classes, 2; members, 8; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 14; pupils, 57; female, 1; teachers, 9; pupils, 50; total, schools, 2; teachers, 23; pupils, 107.

The whole amount collected in the year, is about one hundred and thirty dollars, which has been chiefly expended for the necessary purposes of the Church, with the exception of about seven dollars, which has been paid into the Society for the Advancement, &c. &c.

We have not yet adopted any regular system of collection, but we hope soon to be received into the Convention, where we shall, in a small way, observe more uniformity.

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Report of the Rev. Edward Y. Buchanan, Rector of St. John's Church, Pequea, Chester county, and Christ Church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

*St. John's Church, Pequea, Chester county.*

Baptisms, infants, 6; total, 6; congregation, families, 5; communicants, added, 2; died or removed, 1; present number, 43; public services, on Sundays, 22; other days, 8; total, 30; confirmed, 5; marriages, 2; burials, 5; children catechized, 3; times, 8; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 18; pupils, 51; collections, Episcopal Fund, \$3 80; Soc. Adv. Christianity, \$3 50; missionary and other purposes, \$18 15; total, \$25 45.

The attendance upon the services of this Church continues to be so good as to render it expedient at once to erect a new and larger building. This the vestry have resolved to do. Upwards of \$2000 have already been subscribed in the congregation for this purpose. The ladies of a Sewing Society, formed last June, headed our subscription list with \$300; which sum they have already raised by their exertions. Proposed dimensions of the new Church, 40 feet by 65.

*Christ Church, Leacock, Lancaster county.*

Baptisms, adults, 4; infants, 9; total 13; congregation, families, 46; communicants, added, 4; died, 1; present number, 33; public services, on Sundays, 22; other days, 6; total 28; confirmed, 15; burials, 5; children catechised, 20; times, 6; Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 10; scholars, 50; collections, Episcopal Fund, \$3 60; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, \$8; missionary and other purposes, \$21; total, \$32 60.

The prospects of this church, both temporal and spiritual, are very encouraging. The building itself has been much altered and improved during the past year, at the expense of a Sewing Society, formed last summer. Cost, \$65.

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Report of the Rev. Levi Bull, Rector of St Mary's Church, Chester County, Bangor Church, Lancaster county, and St. Thomas's Church, Berks county.

*St. Mary's Church.*

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 5; total, 6; congregation about 250; families and parts of families about 100; communicants, 86; public worship every alternate Sunday; meetings for prayer twice a week for about six months in the year; children catechised before church about four months in the year; marriages, 3; burials—several other denominations of christians, bury their dead in the churchyard, the number therefore cannot accurately be given; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, 45. Collections have been made for the Soc. Adv. of Christianity in Pennsylvania, for Episcopal Fund, and for the Convention Fund. A Missionary Society is connected with this Church, which has contributed by the year, over an hundred dollars.

*Bangor Church, Lancaster county.*

Baptisms, 10, all children; congregation, about 200; Families, and parts thereof, about 90; communicants, 45; public worship, once in two weeks, on Sunday morning; meetings for

prayer, once a week, besides extra services; children catechised before church during summer; marriages, none; funerals, not known; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 12; pupils, 50; collections have been made I think for the Episcopal Fund, for the Soc. Adv. Christianity, and for the Convention Fund. A Missionary Society is connected with this Church, which has raised by the year 120 dollars.

*St. Thomas' Church, Berks county.*

Baptism, 1; congregation, about 150; families, and parts thereof, about 75; communicants, 40; public worship, once in two weeks, on Sunday afternoon; occasional extra services; children catechised after church, during summer; funerals, not known; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, 40; collections have been made, I believe, for the Soc. Adv. Christianity, and for the Episcopal and Convention Funds. There is also attached to this Church a Missionary Society, which has contributed more than 50 dollars per annum.

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Report of the Rev J. C. Clay, rector of the Sweedish Churches.

These churches are three in number, Gloria Dei, in Southwark, St. James', Kingsessing, and Christ Church, Upper Merion. The rector gives his special attention to the first-named of these Churches, officiating only once a month at Kingsessing and Upper Merion. Of the two country churches, the Rev. Mr. Brinckle has charge of St. James', and the Rev. Mr. Diehl, of Christ Church.

*Gloria Dei.*

Baptisms 72; marriages 31; communicants, about 40; added since last report 7; persons confirmed 8; funerals 23.

Connected with the Church, are a male and female Sunday School, and an infant school, in which there are about 160 children, under the instruction of 20 teachers.

The Church has contributed to the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, \$10; to the Bishop White Prayer Book Society, \$10; to the female Episcopal Tract Society, \$10.

The church at Upper Merion has been much enlarged and improved, at an expense to the congregation of about \$3000.

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Report of the Rev. John B. Clemson, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.

It is the happiness of the Rector to be able to report, that



the Church in all respects enjoys prosperity. Notwithstanding its location in a thinly populated neighbourhood, and the pecuniary difficulties affecting the population, arising from the peculiarity of the times, the congregation has been gradually and surely increasing; and with its numerical increase, there has been more than a proportionate gain in spiritual attainments. The means of Grace have been the same as heretofore, being the regular services in the Church on Sunday mornings and evenings, and on the principal holydays, and in the Lecture room on Tuesday evenings.

The Sunday School has been managed with its former ability, and has sustained its usual interest. The Rector is aided in this important part of his charge by a band of faithful, zealous, and energetic teachers, who are always happy to lighten his labours, carry out his suggestions, and consummate his plans.

The labours of the Bible Class, were necessarily suspended. Severe and protracted afflictions in the family of the Rector, rendered it impracticable for him to attend to this branch of his duties. From the same cause, he was compelled to defer many of his Pastoral duties.

The contributions of the congregation have of necessity been directed to the liquidation of its former liabilities; consequently, but little has been given to other objects. It is to be hoped, there will be no need for a like apology in the year to come.

Thus far we have been greatly encouraged and blessed in our several labours and interests. We thank God for all his dispensations towards us. And in reliance upon his gracious Spirit, with renewed zeal and encouragement we are disposed to go on, to further the purposes of his glory and enlarge the boundaries of his kingdom.

Families in congregation, 113; baptisms, adults, 10; infants, 76; total, 86; confirmed, 33; communicants, added, 61; removed, 2; present number, 123; marriages, 19; burials, 11; children catechized frequently; Sunday Schools, male teachers, 12; female, 19; total, 31; pupils, girls, 106; boys, 99; infant school, 55; total in attendance, 270; collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, \$15.

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Report of the Rev. John Coleman, Rector of Trinity Church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

The rector of this Parish, respectfully presents the following report of the past year:



Baptisms, adults, 10; infants, 69; total, 79; confirmed, 40; communicants, last reported, 184; added 56; died, 6; removed, 9; present number, 225; marriages, 21; burials, 12; congregation, families, 203; adults, 618; children, 420; total, 1038; public services, on Sundays, 94; (a temporary suspension required by the repairs of the interior of the Church;) other days, 42; total, 136; Sunday schools, male, 3; teachers, 21; scholars, 232; female, 3; teachers, 33; scholars, 304; total, schools 6; teachers, 54; scholars, 536; of whom, about 340 are the average regular attendants; volumes in Sunday school libraries, 850; in Parish library, 396. One of our male schools is a new one, organized during the past year. The children are examined in the Church catechism, monthly, by the Rector, and it gives him great pleasure to say that the schools are well conducted and flourishing. Bible class, 1; (female;) members, 70; meets every Friday evening for instructions by the Rector. Collections: Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, \$50; Bishop White Prayer Book Society, 50; Convention fund, \$20; Missionary and other purposes, \$479.04; total, \$599.04. The Rector has preached elsewhere, 46 times, and officiated at 16 funerals without the Parish.

During the past winter, the whole interior of the Church was re-painted, and otherwise improved; the Vestry have lately purchased two other lots to add to the present burying ground, and are about erecting a handsome new brick house for the accommodation of our Sunday Schools, in aid of which latter object, the ladies of the congregation have raised within the past year, the sum of \$1350. With these indications of temporal prosperity, the Rector rejoices to add, that the spiritual condition of the Parish is such, as to cheer him in his humbler efforts to "fulfil the ministry which he has received of the Lord Jesus."

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Report of the Rev. Thomas Crumpton, Rector of Christ Church, Meadville, Crawford County.

Baptisms, infants, 9; total, 9; congregation, families, 43; adults, 98; children, 70; total, 168, communicants, added, 4; died or removed, 1; present number, 65; public services, on Sundays, 96; other days, 61; total, 157; marriages, 1; burials, 4; children catechised, 50; times, 10; Sunday school, male teachers, 9; pupils, 41; female teachers, 12; pupils, 49; total, school, 1; teachers, 21; pupils, 90; collections, Convention fund, \$8 06; Missionary and other purposes, \$913; total, \$921.06.

During the past year, a Sunday school and Lecture Room,

has been built, the expenses of which have absorbed nearly all the money collected in the congregation.

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Report of the Rev. Robert Davis.

Since the meeting of the last Convention, I have performed divine service or preached but rarely, some six or seven times in all, nor am I now more able than I was then to resume the public functions of the ministry.

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Report of the Rev. William H. De Lancey, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 17; infants, 83, total, 100; communicants, added, 30; died or removed, 20; present number, 190; public services, on Sundays, 108; other days, 72; total, 180; confirmed, 30; marriages, 12; burials, 31; children catechized, 200; times, 5; bible class, 1; members, 125; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 14; pupils, 120; female 2; teachers, 27; pupils, 220; adult school teachers, 10; pupils, 36; day school teachers, 1; pupils, 70; total schools, 5; teachers, 47; pupils, 440; collections, for Convention, \$30; Episcopate, \$200; General Theological Seminary, \$200; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$500; Missionary and other church objects, local and general, \$1922; total, 2852.

The system of Quarterly Collections for Church objects, is continued in this Parish with undiminished success. The several collections in Church since the last report, have been \$570 each, on an average. The general condition of the Parish is flourishing in both its temporal and spiritual concerns. The continued liberality of the Vestry, enables the Rector to enjoy the services of an assistant. The Rev. A. A. Miller, having been invited to the Church at Pottsville, the Rev. John W. Hoffman, who since my last has been performing occasional services, is now the assistant to the Rector.

The rector reports also, that he has statedly visited and lectured at Christ Church Hospital, which is under the conjoint pastoral care of the Rectors of Christ Church and St. Peter's. The institution has about 40 inmates.

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Report of the Rev. Wm. N. Diehl.

The undersigned reports that he is still in connection with the Sweedish Churches, in and near Philadelphia. He officiates in the City Church, the first Sunday in every month; and in

one of the Country Churches, (Christ's Church, Upper Merion,) every Sunday morning in the year; with the above exception.

In Christ Church, Upper Merion, there are 45 families; adults, 120; children, 65; total, 185; baptisms, during the year, adults, 6; communicants, added, 9; present number, 31; public services, on Sundays, 50; confirmed, 11; marriages, 3; burials, 12; Sunday school, 1; male teachers, 2; female teachers, 4; scholars, 45; Collection, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$20.

The Church edifice has been enlarged, at an expense of upwards of \$3000. There is an increasing attendance upon the means of grace, and a growing seriousness is manifested in the congregation.

In St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh, divine service has been performed twelve times. Five have been confirmed, and one buried.

The Union Church, above Norristown, is well attended—26 services have been held in it, and the Sacrament administered once to 17 persons. There is a Sunday school attached to it, under the charge of teachers belonging to the Episcopal Church; scholars, about 50; teachers, 6.

Report of the Rev. Benjamin Dorr, Rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 13; infants, 56; total, 69; congregation, families, 198; communicants, added 55; died or removed 11; present number, 220; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 126; total, 230; confirmed, 58; marriages, 8; burials, 42; children catechized, 200; times, 7; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 40; female, 3; teachers, 31; pupils, 160; total schools, 4; teachers, 37; pupils, 200; Collections and contributions, Episcopal Fund, \$55,30; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$315; missionary and other purposes, \$2155,88; total, \$2526,18.

The Rector desires to acknowledge, with devout thankfulness, the prosperity of this Parish, both in its spiritual and temporal affairs. Besides the usual Sunday services, the Church has been opened every Wednesday and Friday morning for prayers, on all holydays, and every day in Passion Week. For the last seven months, the Rector has delivered a lecture in the Church on each Friday morning. From a hundred and fifty, to three hundred persons, have usually attended.

The Sunday Schools are flourishing. The superintendent and teachers merit great praise for their fidelity and zeal, in this important work. Of the 37 teachers in the Sunday school, 27 are communicants.

The children of the congregation, including those connected with Sunday schools, are catechized by the Rector, on the first Sunday afternoon in each month, "*openly in the Church*," as the rubric directs; and he is happy to say that a large proportion of the congregation attend, and evince a deep interest in this most useful exercise.

The Rectors of St. Peter's and Christ Churches, officiate alternately at Christ Church Hospital, where there are about forty aged indigent females, supported by that charity.

A similar plan of quarterly collections, to that introduced with so much success in St. Peter's Church, has been adopted by the vestry of this parish. From the three collections already made, amounting to \$1146,12, we are encouraged to hope that the plan will prove a most efficient and useful one. The amount thus contributed, has been disbursed as follows, viz: to Sunday Schools, \$285,29, Advancement Society \$265; Domestic missions, \$202; Foreign missions, \$88; Philadelphia Bible Society, \$25; Female Prayer Book Society, \$25; Bishop White Prayer Book Society \$75,80; General Theological Seminary, \$180.

The Ladies' Missionary Association of Christ Church, have continued their useful labors, with about the same result as in former years. Of the \$511,91, received by them this year, they have appropriated \$250, to the support of a Missionary at Boonville, Missouri; \$50 to the Advancement Society, to constitute the Rector of Christ Church, a patron to that Society, and \$160 to aid poor churches, besides making other equally judicious appropriations.

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Report of the Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, infants, 16; confirmed, 2; communicants, removed, 2; present number, 15; Sunday school, male teachers, 3; female teachers, 5; children, about 100.

The difficulties of building up the Church in the suburbs of a large city, are greater than those attendant on a similar undertaking in the country, or the central parts of the metropolis. It is a subject of thankfulness to God, that the congregations are so good, when they have presented to them, every



Lord's day, the evil example of hundreds of citizens, apparently respectable, passing by the Church to the Girard College, or to the grounds by which the Church is pleasantly surrounded.

It is a painful circumstance, connected with the Church, that there are so many removals. The population of the village increases or decreases in proportion to the rigour or remission with which the public works in the neighbourhood are prosecuted. The congregations, in some measure, are affected by those mutations. Still, the Rector "can thank God, and take courage." The morning congregations are large, the evening not so much so. The number of communicants and of Sunday school children has increased.

A confirmation was held by the Bishop of the Diocese, last July, and although there were but few confirmed, the moral effect was imposing and impressive. A small but well selected library of books is attached to the Sunday school, and its volumes, which are of a highly devotional character, are read and appreciated, not only by the Sunday School children, but by their parents.

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Report of the Rev. Wm. Douglass, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Philad.

Baptisms, adults, 8; infants, 12; total, 20; congregation, families, about, 92; adults, about 400; average number of children, 180; total, 580; communicants, added, 12; died or removed, 2; present number, 102; public services, on Sundays, 106; other days, 46; total, 152; confirmed, 20; marriages, 7; burials, 18; children catechized, about 50; times, 7; bible class, 1; members, 20; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, 84; female, 1; teachers, 14; pupils, 105; total, schools, 2, teachers, 25; pupils, 189; collections, for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in this Diocese, \$12,25.

We still have ample grounds of gratitude to the Father of mercies, for the signs of spiritual improvement manifest, among a goodly number of those committed to our charge. Of the above number confirmed, twelve have since come forward to the communion for the first time. The temporal department of our Church, we regret to say, is not in that sound and healthy state it ought to be. The revenue, arising from pews, burying ground, and other sources, is barely sufficient to meet the current expenses. To alter this condition of things for the better, the vestry have very laudably determined, to make such an alteration in the internal arrange-



ment of the Church, as will render the sittings much more easy and comfortable—and also accommodate more persons than the present. It is, furthermore, their intention, when the alteration shall have been completed, to raise the tax on pews, which at present are at a very low rate. They design commencing their operations, as soon as they shall have in hand, say, \$2000. From the success they have met with, and still expect to meet, they are encouraged to believe they will raise this sum by the first of July next.

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Report of the Rev. Geo. C. Drake, Missionary, Columbia county.

*St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg.*

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 13; total, 14; congregation, families, 47; communicants, added, 5; died or removed, 2; present number, 73; public services, on Sundays, 50; other days, 45; total, 95; confirmed, 6; marriages, 5; burials, 13; children catechised, 18; times, 5; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 20; female, 1; teachers, 10, pupils, 30; total, schools, 2; teachers, 15; pupils, 50; collections, Soc. Adv. of Christianity, \$4 63; missionary and other purposes, \$57; total, \$61 63.

The new building, of which mention was made in my last annual report, as having, then, its foundation laid, was consecrated on the 23d February last. The tower, however, remains as yet unfinished. This building is 42 by 58, besides the projection of the tower, one half its width in front, and the vestry room in the rear. There are on the floor, 56 pews, and a gallery in front that will accommodate 150 persons.

*Christ Church, Jersey Town, Madison township.*

Baptisms, infants, 4; communicants, added, 4; died, 1; present number, 23; public services, on Sundays, 20; other days, 12; total, 32; confirmed, 4, and 4 belonging to St. James' parish, Muncy; funerals, 1; collections, Convention Fund, \$3 50; Missionary Society, \$5 25; total, \$8 75.

*Orangeville.*

Baptisms, infants, 4; marriages, 1; public services, on Sundays, 11; other days, 1; total, 12.

*St. Gabriel's Church, Sugar Loaf.*

Baptisms, infants, 8; communicants, present number, 14; public services, on Sundays, 12; other days, 8; total, 20; burials 1; Sunday school, 1; collections, \$2 26.

In St. Paul's, Bloomsburg, the communion has been admi-

nistered 4 times, and once in addition, in private. At Christ Church, Jersey Town, twice, and at St. Gabriel's, Sugar Loaf, twice, and also once in private.

The young members of the Church, scattered over my missionary field, who have become able to learn, are taught "what a solemn vow, promise, and profession" they made in baptism, at their houses, (as the opportunity is offered,) out of the Church Catechism.

Services—as well baptism and administering the communion, as preaching—have been performed at St. Mark's, Mauch Chunk, which will be stated, I suppose, in their report. In all, 14 public services have been held, in addition to those specifically enumerated.

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Report of the Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, D. D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 2; children, 50; total, 52; marriages, 15; burials, 24; communicants, added, 40; present number, about 230; public services, on Sundays, 112; other days, 25; total, 137.

The children are catechised once a month in the Sunday school; and publickly in the Church every Sunday afternoon in Lent.

In consequence of a serious and painful injury I sustained last winter from a fall, I was compelled to suspend the Bible class, and to omit most of my extra services, and many other duties. I still pursue the plan of having divine service and a lecture on all the holydays appointed by the Church; and find the benefits of this arrangement very great.

Contributions, Episcopal Fund, \$88 63; Soc. for Advancement of Christianity, \$166 57; Convention Fund, \$35 93; other purposes, not ascertained.

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Report of the Rev. Walter E. Franklin, Rector of St. John's Church, York, York county.

Baptisms, infants, 7; communicants, added, 4; died or removed, 4; present number, 28; public services, on Sundays, 54; other days, 31; total, 85; confirmed, 3; marriages, 2, but neither of them in the town in which I reside; burials, 5; children catechised, 2; Sunday schools, male teachers, 3; pupils, about 30; female teachers, 7; pupils, about 40; total schools, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, about 70; collections, Convention Fund, \$3 16; Bishop White Prayer Book Society, \$5; missionary and other purposes, \$19 95½; total, \$28 11½.

Report of the Rev. L. N. Freeman, Rector of Christ Church, Brownsville, Fayette county, and St. Peter's Church, Pike Run, Washington county.

*Christ Church, Fayette county.*

Baptisms, adults, 5; infants, 3; total, 8; congregation, families, 38; communicants, added, 14; died or removed, 5; present number, 46; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 64; total, 168; marriages, 5; burials, 11; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 25; female, 1; teachers, 7; pupils, 35; total, schools, 2, teachers, 12; pupils 60: collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$15: Convention Fund, \$9 03: missionary and other purposes, \$221: total, \$245 03.

The state of this congregation is, in the highest degree, encouraging. It has increased in numbers, and also, there is reason to believe, in piety. The Lord has owned and blessed the ministry of his servant, whom he has placed over it in spiritual things, in such manner and measure, as to fill his heart with gratitude, and encourage him to make renewed and greater efforts to win souls to Christ. The utmost unanimity prevails in the congregation on all points connected with the welfare of this Church, in particular, and the interests of our Zion in general. There is, however, much room for improvement in its members as to Christian spirit and Christian effort. They have not already attained, nor are they already perfect. A vast field of Christian experience and action stretches before them, and is open for their cultivation and improvement. May Almighty God enable his unworthy servant so to preach Christ to them, and so to warn every man, and teach every man of them, in all wisdom, that he may be "pure from the blood of all men," and "present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." Since the last Convention, the ladies have formed themselves into a Bible Society, auxiliary to "The Philadelphia Bible Society." They have already forwarded to the parent institution, nearly one hundred dollars. As they help to distribute the word of eternal life among those who are famishing for it, may they be abundantly blessed with its tried consolations, and its glorious and soul-cheering hopes. They have also a sewing society in active operation. A Missionary Society, formed on Bishop Doane's plan, two or three years since, still exists, and is flourishing.

*St. Peters's Church, Pike Run, Washington county.*

Of this Church the Rector can say nothing flattering, or even encouraging. It has undergone no change since the last Convention. Though a large congregation assembles when

services are held in the Church, yet owing to the infrequency of those services, they leave no impression that is lasting and salutary, upon the minds of the people. Indeed, so little do they appreciate the preached gospel, and so little are they influenced by its precepts, that they have even allowed their Clergyman to pay, in part, for the repairs of their Church, out of his own famished purse! If, however, they were more frequently fed with *food* for the soul, they would, perhaps, more willingly give *bread* for the body. *They* think so, at least. There are materials enough to constitute a large communion, could they only be wrought upon sufficiently, to be brought into the Church. All that the Rector could do, to effect this, he has done.

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Report of the Rev. Frederick Freeman, Rector of St. David's Church, Manayunk, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, adults, 2: infants, 17: total, 19: communicants, added, 11: removed, 5: died, 3: present number, 34: public services, on Sundays, 104: other days, 5: total, 109: marriages, 6: burials, 31: children catechized, 93: Sunday school, male teachers, 8: female teachers, 10: total, teachers, 18: pupils, male, 106: female, 128: total, 234: collections, Episcopal Fund, \$2: Society for the Advancement of Christianity \$2: other purposes, amount not ascertained.

The fiscal derangements of the country, bearing hard, especially upon manufacturing places, have caused the population of this place to be more than usually fluctuating during the past year; but still the prospects of the Church here were never more encouraging than they have been during the past year, and are at this present time.

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Report of the Rev. P. H. Greenleaf, Rector of St. John's Church, Carlisle, Cumberland County.

Baptisms, since, Oct. 15, adults, 1: infants, 22: total, 23: marriages, 3: Burials, 9; confirmations, 7: congregation, families, 55: total, about 250: communicants, Sept. 1837, 53: added since that period, 20: removed, 2: present number, 71: Sunday school, (male and female united,) 1: teachers, 17: pupils, 113: children catechized, 4 times: bible classes, 1: members, about 30; public services, on Sundays, 74, other days, 42: total, 116: contributions, for missionary and other purposes, exclusive of individual donations, since Sept. 1837, \$117.

The Rector entered upon his duties in this Parish, August 6, 1837. The Church had been for some months closed, and



the congregation scattered, and of course, at this period, were in a state comparatively enfeebled. I found that of the communicants registered for 1836, 15 had, from death, removal, or otherwise, ceased to be communicants—leaving the actual number, at the first communion after my arrival, at 53. Since my ministration in this Parish, twenty persons have joined our communion, many of whom it is gratifying to be enabled to say, are young persons, devoting the morning of life to the service of Him who gave it. It gives me great pleasure to add, that up to this date, the attendance at Church, has been steadily increasing: and that the manifest increased attention to religion in the congregation, combined with their present harmony of feeling and action, warrants the belief, that this prosperity will become permanent.

I have beside the usual Sunday services, generally lectured to the Congregation once in each week, and held a bible class, on every Friday evening. Questions upon the Sunday school lessons are then put in writing, and written answers returned by the members of the class upon the succeeding week, and read, commented upon, and explained.

The Sunday schools are in a flourishing condition, and such attention to religion in some of the pupils, as to warrant the belief, that the *good seed* there sown, is about to spring up and bear fruit.

In addition to my usual parochial duties, I have preached once at the Poor House of the Borough, where I have, at the request of the Commissioners of the Poor, consented occasionally to officiate.

I have also preached twice at Chambersburg, to large audiences, where I am convinced with little effort, a large congregation might be gathered.

The Rector desires to record his grateful sense of the marked liberality and kindness of his people to him and his family, that from their example, others may be quickened in preserving by attention and care, the sweet bond of affection, which should ever bind a Christian Pastor to a Christian people.

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Report of the Rev. N. S. Harris, Rector of the Church of the Evangelists, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 50; baptisms, adults, 9; infants 74; total, 83; confirmed, 21; communicants, present number 43; marriages 4; burials, 13; public services, on Sundays, 2; other days 1; total 3; children catechized, every Sunday at the



close of the Sunday school, by me; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 20; pupils, 196; female 1; teachers, 18; pupils, 150; infant school, 3 teachers; 160 infants: total, schools 3; teachers, 41; pupils, 506; collections, Bishop White Prayer Book Society, 10,74; total, \$10,74.

This Church was opened on the twelfth of March 1837—pulpit supplied by the clergy of the city till the first of June, when I commenced officiating there. The congregation is somewhat fluctuating, but upon the whole, appears to increase. If a lot could be obtained, and a Church edifice erected for us, no doubt the congregation would ere long sustain public worship. There seems no lack of interest or effort in the various departments of the undertaking. More solicitous for the *character of the means*, than for the *result* itself, we so study *that*, that we may look up to God for *this*.

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Report of the Rev. Wm. Hilton, Rector of St. Paul's Church, West White-land, Chester county,

Baptisms, adults, 1: infants, 12: total, 13: communicants, died or removed, 1: present number, 31: public services, on Sundays, 52: other days, 6: total, 58: confirmed, 2: marriages, 1: burials, 3: children catechized, 55: times, 6; bible classes, 1: members, 15: Sunday schools, 1: teachers, 7: pupils, 50: total, schools 1; teachers, 7: pupils, 50: collections, Soc. Adv. Christianity, \$7 65, total, \$7 65.

Besides the regular services on Sundays in the Church, there is a weekly lecture held in a school house, which is generally well attended; and where the Lord has frequently met with, and blessed his people, while waiting before him, in the use of the means of grace. The Rector has also good reason to believe that his labours, in the bible class, have not been in vain, and that the seed he has there sown will, in due time, through the divine blessing, spring up and bear abundant fruit to the praise and glory of God. Though there has been no addition to our communion, during the last year, yet there has been an increased attendance upon our services, which, the Rector hopes, will result in the adding of many to the Church, of such as shall be saved.

*St. Peter's Church, Great Valley, Chester county.*

Baptisms, infants, 3: communicants, added, 2: removed, 1: present number, 26: marriages, 2: confirmed, 6: collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$5,62½: missionary other purposes, \$6,75: total, \$11,37½.

This parish, though one of the oldest in the diocese, has

never as yet, had a Sunday school attached to it, nor is there much probability that it will have one for some time to come. The congregation are so scattered, and live at such a distance from the Church, that the children cannot attend school there. To remedy, as far as may be, this defect, the Rector avails himself of every opportunity of catechizing the children in Church, and also in my parochial visitations.

The Rector has not much to encourage him in the prospects of this congregation. The attendance upon our morning service, which is every other Sunday, is generally very good; but our afternoon service, which is also every other Sunday, is very poorly attended. Nothing but the promise of the Saviour to meet with his people, "when two or three are gathered together in his name," keeps the Rector from desponding, when he enters the Church, at the hour appointed for service, and finds but one here and there scattered over the Church. May God grant that the set time to favour this portion of his Zion, may soon come, when, by the outpouring of his Spirit, sinners shall be arrested to a sense of their danger, and be brought earnestly to enquire what they must do to be saved.

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Report of the Rev. John F. Hoff, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Lewistown, Mifflin county, St. John's Church, Huntingdon, Huntingdon county, and St. Stephen's Church, Thompsonstown, Juniata county.

### *St. Mark's Church.*

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 10; total, 11; congregation, families, 22; communicants, added, 6; removed, 1; present number, 21; public services, on Sundays, 40; other days, 10; total, 50; confirmed, 6; Children catechised, frequently; Bible class, attendance from 15 to 30; Sunday schools, 1; teachers, male, 5; female, 10; scholars, average attendance, males, 30; females, 40; collections, Episcopal Fund, \$5; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, \$10; missionary and other purposes, \$40; total, \$55.

Since the last report, there has not been that marked improvement which is desirable. The Rector is happy to say, however, that so much fruit of his labor has appeared, as encourages him to greater exertion.

During the last half of the year, a monthly collection for the general objects of the Church, has been taken up, and the people urged to stated contributions. Thus far the system has worked even better than was anticipated. Efforts are in progress for liquidating a long standing claim against the

Church; and improvements with a view to preparing the basement of the Church for the accommodation of the Sunday school are nearly completed.

*St. John's Church, Huntingdon.*

This place has been visited regularly every four weeks, when I was last there, a contract for the erection of the contemplated Church, was not far from a conclusion. As with many other good things there is need of patience and steady effort in this case. I think I may say with truth, there is now every reasonable assurance that the building will go on.

*St. Stephen's Church, Thompsonstown.*

In the above town I have preached every four weeks. The face of things is much the same as was presented in the last report.

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Report of the Rev. William Hommann, Missionary for St. Gabriel's Church, Douglassville, Berks county, and Christ Church, Pottstown, Montgomery county.

*St. Gabriel's Church, Douglassville.*

Baptisms, infants, 10; communicants, added, 9; present number, 33; public services, on Sundays, 48; other days 29; adjacent places, 11; total 88; confirmed, 8; marriages, 2; burials, 3; children catechised, 30; times, 50; semi-monthly Bible classes, 1; members, various number; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 8; pupils, 50; collections, Episcopal Fund, \$2; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, \$5; missionary and other purposes, \$14 44½; total, \$21 44½.

*Christ Church, Pottstown.*

Congregation, families, 21; communicants, added, 2; left communion, 1; present number, 15; public services, on Sundays, 25; occasional, 3; total 28; confirmed, 2; marriages, 1; collections, \$9 29, for Sunday school; for Gen. Theological Seminary, \$2 50; missionary and other purposes, \$12 44¾; total, 24 23¾.

The pastoral connexion between the Missionary and this congregation, was dissolved on the 12th of November, since which the Church has had no regular supply.

The parish of St. Gabriel's is in a very gratifying condition of spiritual and temporal prosperity, and it is to be hoped that those who have been recently added to this Church, will be of the number of those that shall be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. The congregation has manifested that disposition which deviseth liberal things, and among those designs

which have been carried into execution, may be mentioned the erection of a convenient barn for the use of the Pastor. Services are held once every Sunday, and once during the week: also, on every appointed festival and fast, the Church is opened for divine service. God grant that the means of grace which He has ordained, may prove a "savour of life unto life," to all who attend upon them through the riches of his mercy in Christ Jesus our Redeemer.

The writer is detained from the Convention by sickness.

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Report of the Rev. M. Hirst, Missionary, of Calvary Church, Rockdale, Delaware county.

Congregation, families, 10; adults, 100; children, 50; total, 150; baptisms, infants, 9: total, 9: communicants, added, 8: died or removed, 1: present number, 23: marriages, 2: burials, 1: public services, on Sundays, 70: other days, 10: total, 80: children catechised, 50: times, 10: Sunday schools, male 1: teachers, 6: pupils, 50: female, 1: teachers, 10: pupils, 60: total schools, 2: teachers, 16: pupils, 110: collections, Convention Fund, \$5: Soc. Adv. of Christianity, \$5: missionary and other purposes, \$5: total, 15.

It was very confidently expected that the Church would have been entirely finished during the past year. But the great commercial embarrassments, so general in our country, have been very severely felt in this place, the population of which is exclusively employed in manufactories. All the mills have either suspended, or very much diminished their operations, in consequence of which there have been no means among ourselves to carry out the design of completing the Church edifice, and the general depression has deterred us from making application elsewhere.

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Report of the Rev. B. B. Killikelly, Missionary, of St. Michael's Church, Wayne township, Armstrong county, and St. Paul's Church, Kittanning, Armstrong county.

*St. Michael's Church, Wayne township.*

Baptisms, infants, 9: congregation, families, 26: adults, 82: children, 64: total, 146: communicants, added, 16: present number, 41: public services, on Sundays, 17: other days, 7: total, 24: marriages, 1: Sunday schools, male teachers, 6: pupils, 20: female teachers, 2: pupils, 15: total, schools, 1: teachers, 8: pupils, 35.



*St. Paul's Church, Kittanning.*

Congregation, families, 35: adults, 90: children, 80: total, 170: communicants, added, 3: died or removed, 3: present number, 22: public services, on Sundays, 43: other days, 5: total, 48: marriages, 1: children catechised, 5 times: Bible classes, 1: members, 30: Sunday schools, male teachers, 4: pupils, 7: female teachers, 4: pupils, 23: total, schools, 1: teachers, 8: pupils, 30: collections, missionary and other purposes, \$13 63.

In addition to the foregoing, I have to report that I held service and preached on the 8th of October last, in a private house in Red Bank township, where, after service, I baptised *three infants*. By appointment, I again held service on the 26th of November in this township, preached, and administered the Lord's supper to *twelve persons*, in a large building used as a place of worship by Lutherans and Presbyterians. I shall endeavor to preach occasionally in this thriving settlement during the summer, having been strongly urged to do so, and I look forward, under the divine blessing, to the planting of our Church in a field where her solemn services are much desired, and apparently much needed.

Finding the charge of four congregations, so widely apart, too laborious, and also with a view to the spiritual improvement of each by more frequent services than I could possibly give, I resigned the pastoral care of the two parishes west of the Allegheny river, (St. Peter's, Butler, and Trinity parish, Freeport,) on the first of September last, and have since confined my attention to St. Paul's, Kittanning, and St. Michael's, Wayne township. Since my last report to the Bishop, and up to the first September last, divine service had been celebrated 13 times in St. Peter's, Butler, and 5 communicants were added. In Freeport 14 public services were held, 4 communicants added, 1 removed by death, and 1 infant baptised.

My health has become much impaired, which will account for the fewness of public services at St. Paul's and St. Michael's. But notwithstanding this, and my being obliged to attend to the fatiguing duties of a school as a means of support, I shall still persevere in my sacred calling, leaving it to the Lord to determine the continuance of my poor services in his vineyard.



**Report of the Rev. George Kirke, recently Rector of St. John's Church, New London, and St. James' Church, West Marlborough; now Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Yardleyville, and Grace Church, Hulmeville, Missionary.**

Before the late Rector of the two first mentioned Churches, in Chester county, took charge of the two last mentioned in Bucks county, which commenced about the latter end of May last, he continued to officiate in the Parishes of the former; baptizing one infant, and having a collection taken up for the Convention Fund, at St. John's, amounting to \$3,42, and leaving both Churches in good order, and, with the exception of what was due to himself, entirely out of debt. Since he became Rector of St. Andrew's and Grace Church, he has officiated 47 times on Sundays, in the Parish of the former, and 12 times on other days; and in that of the latter, 62 times on Sundays, and 5 times on other days. These Churches, which owe their origin, under our Great Head, to the exertions of the Rev. G. W. Ridgely, are yet in an infant state, none as yet having been baptized in either. The Lord's Supper was administered by the Rector, for the first time in each, last autumn, with the exception of three Communicants which have been added at Hulmeville, to persons from Churches in the vicinity, and he has buried one person in the graveyard at St. Andrew's, the first interment in these Parishes. Collections, for parochial purposes, which the furnisher of this report has not been able to ascertain, have been taken up in these Churches, as also for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, and for the Convention Fund. While it may not be necessary to state that these Churches were consecrated to the service of the Most High in July last, it may be interesting to mention, that an amount of debt, but little short of 300 dollars has been paid off, since that period, at St. Andrew's Church, and that through the exertions of a few individuals, each has been considerably improved, and that a few gentlemen belonging to St. Andrew's, have voluntarily raised the means, and purchased a bell for their Church, and are now making efforts to raise a tower or steeple for its reception. A Sunday School conducted on the principles of the Episcopal Sunday School Union, has been established in each Church, and although there has not, as yet, been that regularity in the attendance that could be desired, yet are there, at this time, the names of 14 teachers, 5 male, and 9 females, and 98 scholars, 45 male, and 53 female, in that at Hulmeville; 8 teachers, and upwards of 60 scholars in that at Yard-

leyville. A good choir has been formed at St. Andrew's; and the ladies of Grace Church and its vicinity, are making efforts to procure the means of purchasing an organ for their Church.

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Report of the Rev. William B. Lacey, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Laceyville, Allegheny county.

Marriages, 4; baptisms, 9; catechumens, 12; communicants, 10.

The prospects of St. Paul's are decidedly better at the present time, than at any former period. Having obtained a local habitation and a name, the members are beginning to feel that unity and zeal, which are generally consequent on such an event. The church is finished and waits your convenience for consecration.

As an apology for omitting the prescribed collection, the Rector begs leave respectfully to state, that the Church was erected expressly for the benefit of families living on the Eastern borders of Pittsburgh, who are in very straightened circumstances; that although he officiates gratuitously, and the pews have been sold so low, that their proceeds have not covered one half of the expenses of building, yet it is difficult for the Congregation to meet even the necessary expenses of keeping the Church open, while the vestry are still in debt for the erection of the edifice, three or four hundred dollars. Under these circumstances, it is our duty to apply our funds to meet our own wants. In the course of a few years, the congregation of St. Paul's will, in proportion to their means, be as liberal, I doubt not, as any other congregation. In the mean time, collections for general purposes, would be a mere affectation of liberality.

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Report of the Rev. Freeman Lane, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Springville, Susquehanna county.

Baptisms, infants, 2: total, 2; congregation, families, 38; adults, 116; children, 60; total, 176; communicants, added 6; died or removed 1; present number, 73; public services, on Sundays, 50; other days, 3; total, 53; confirmed, 7; marriages, 5; burials, 6; bible classes, 1; members, 10; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 3; pupils, 19; female, 1; teachers, 4; pupils, 20; total schools, 2; teachers, 7; pupils, 39; Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$2; missionary and other purposes, \$31,50; total, \$33,50.

St. Andrew's Church has had its difficulties to contend with. For a long time a storm has been gathering over this place,

threatening to pour all its contents upon the Church; but it still stands, and as we trust, upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ being the corner stone. And although some clouds and darkness are yet visible, still the prospect grows brighter and brighter. At no time, for several years past, has the Church been in a more prosperous condition than at the present. Already some difficulties have been adjusted; others, it is hoped will soon be settled or left behind, for the sake of the Christian's prize which is before.

*St. Matthew's Church, Pike, Bradford county.*

Baptisms, infants, 4; communicants, added, 4; died, 1; present number, 21; public services, on Sundays and other days, 49; confirmed, 4; burials, 2.

It will be difficult for a Sunday school to flourish here or at Springville, unless supplied with a Sunday School library. At the latter place, the congregation is somewhat numerous for the country, but still it possesses but very little pecuniary power. At Pike, the Church is not weakened by division, nor very strong by union. It is too remote from the centre of the population to be easy of access to a large congregation. According to what they have, the friends of the Church are liberal in its support. Whether they will be able to secure clerical services the present year, remains to be ascertained after the Convention. Some of the principal supporters of the Church, are now labouring under heavy pecuniary embarrassments.

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Report of the Rev. Samuel Tiffany Lord, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Waterford, Erie county, and Trinity Church, Rockville, Crawford county, Missionary.

*St. Peter's Church, Waterford.*

Baptisms, infants, 5; communicants, withdrawn, 2; added, 3; present number, 20; congregation, families, 18; adults, 50; children, 29; total, 79; public services, on Sundays, 58; other days, 13; total 71; Sunday school still connected with the Presbyterian school; children catechised, about 8; times, 15; collections, Bishop White Prayer Book Society, \$2 50; Society Adv. of Christianity, \$2 75; Convention Fund, \$2 79; other purposes, \$11 42; total, \$19 61.

Three of the above Sunday services, and two of the other were by the Rev. B. Glover, of Erie, since deceased; and two of the Sunday, and four of the others, by the Rev. Thomas

Crumpton, of Meadville. I have also officiated in other places, on Sundays, eleven times, and on other days 3, total, 14. The three additions to the communion were from other places, and had communed before.

*Trinity Church, Rockville.*

Communicants, withdrawn, 1; died, 1; added, 1; present number, 7; congregation, families, 7; adults, 24; children, 24; total, 48; bible class, 1; burials, 1; Sunday schools, 1; children catechized in the Sunday school; collections, Convention Fund, 50 cts; other purposes, \$7 70; total, \$8 20.

I also attended one funeral in Erie, Erie county, that of the Rev. Bennet Glover, Rector of St. Paul's Church, in that place. He died calmly and peacefully, on Sunday the 25th of March.

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Report of the Rev. Alfred Louderback, Rector of Christ Church, Danville, Columbia county, and St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury, Northumberland county.

*Christ Church, Danville.*

Congregation, families, 12; adults, 25; children, 25; total in attendance, about 120; baptisms, infants, 2; communicants, 8; none added; marriages, 1; burials, 6; public services, 2 each Sabbath; Sunday school, male teachers, 2; female, 4; pupils, about 40. No collections but for the immediate wants of the Church, have been made. The prospects of usefulness and increase in this parish are encouraging.

*St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury.*

Congregation, families, 20; adults, 60; children, 30; total in attendance, 130; baptisms, 1; communicants, 12; added, none; marriages, 1; burials, 2; public services, 2 each Sunday, and 3 services every fourth Sunday; Sunday school, male teachers, 3; female teachers, 4; pupils, about 45.

The church here is increasing, and with faithful labour, will no doubt, in a few years, be in a flourishing condition. I have several places near Danville, where I preach on the week day evenings, and occasionally on the Sunday afternoon. From the short time that I have had charge of the parishes, I have not been able to obtain such information as would enable me to make a full report.



Report of the Rev. James May, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 9; infants, 24; total, 31; communicants, added, 43; died or removed, 43; present number, 450; public services, Sundays, 104; other days, 54; total, 158; confirmed, 34; marriages, 7; burials, 15; Bible classes, 3; members, 95; Sunday schools, male, 2; teachers, 16; pupils, 175; female, 2; teachers, 24; pupils, 276; total, schools, 4; teachers, 40; pupils, 451; collections, Episcopal Fund, \$13 90; missionary and other purposes, \$1286 10; total, \$1300.

The word of God is heard by the people with serious attention, and though there has been no extraordinary evidence of divine favor to this Church during the year, yet it is believed that there has been the usual spirit of prayer, and that some souls have been born into the kingdom of Heaven. When the preaching of "Christ crucified" is welcomed by a people, which is believed to be the case of this Church, it may be presumed that the work of the holy spirit is not unknown amongst them.

Report of the Rev. Tobias Harpur Michell, M. D., Rector of Christ Church, Allegheny borough, and Missionary, &c.

The undersigned commenced his services in this parish as a lay reader, on the 14th of May, 1837, and continued to officiate statedly in that capacity, until his ordination as Deacon on the 4th of March, 1838. He was then chosen Rector of the parish, and immediately entered on the duties of his office.

The following is his parochial report since his acceptance of the rectorship. Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 17; total, 18; congregation, families, 33; adults, 55; children, 66; total, 121; communicants, died or removed, 6; present number, 36; Sunday schools, 2; infant school, teacher, 1; pupils, 23; boys and girls, 1; superintendant, 1; teachers, 12; pupils, 80; public services since ordination, 15 times.

Having so recently taken charge of the parish, I forbear to enlarge either on its spiritual or temporal state or necessities.

Report of the Rev. Alfred A. Miller, Rector of Trinity Church, Pottsville, Schuylkill county.

Congregation, families, 60; adults, 130; children about 90; total, 220; baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 11; total, 14, from the 1st of January; previous to which, per record, infants, 16;



making, total, 30; confirmed, 6; communicants, added, 7; removed, 3; present number, 23; marriages, 6, per record previous to January 1st, 1838; burials 10, since January, and previous, 21; total 31; public services, on Sundays, 22; other days, 1; total, 23; Children catechised, 100; times, 2; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, 88; female, 1; teachers, 18; pupils, 112; total, schools, 2; teachers, 28; pupils, 200; collections, Soc. Adv. of Christianity, \$11 48; other collections have been necessarily omitted during the past year.

This parish was without a Rector for three months, from October 7, 1837, during which, divine services were performed on several occasions by clergymen whom the vestry invited, until the election of the pastor. The present minister commenced his duties on the first Sunday in January, but was obliged to suspend them on account of sickness, for a period of six weeks in the months of February and March; during which interval, the Church was opened for divine worship on two Sundays; one being the visitation of our Diocesan, when confirmation was administered, the other, when a minister from another parish was present with us.

Having been enabled, through a kind providence, to resume my duties in March, the regular services have been performed as above reported, and the present aspect of our parish is encouraging. The Church edifice can only accommodate a small congregation, and it is probable that a larger one could be collected, if the liberality of the community and its friends would supply the means for the erection of a more commodious building. Our desire is to have the temporal concerns of the parish in such a condition as to free it from the difficulty of debt, and it is hoped that this will soon be accomplished.

The peculiar character of the community in which this parish is located—being emphatically a *business* one—renders the difficulty of exerting a decided influence greater, perhaps, than in many others belonging to our Diocese, while, at the same time, the peculiar necessity of such an influence can no where be more distinctly seen and felt. Knowing, however, the power of Him who alone can bless the increase of a spiritual harvest, in any portion of his vineyard, and, depending on His promised strength in the faithful use of the means provided in his Church, we trust that there will be seen, in due season, fruits abounding to his glory.

Report of the Rev George Mintzer, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent, and St. Mark's, Honeybrook, Chester county.

*St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent.*

Baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 1; total, 3; congregation, families, 65; communicants, added, 4; died, 1; present number, 65; public services, on Sundays, 50; other days, 14; total, 64; marriages, 6; burials, 6; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 4; pupils, 30; female, 1; teachers, 4; pupils, 20; total, schools 2; teachers, 8; pupils, 50; Collections, Convention Fund, \$5; Episcopal Fund, \$5 75; Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, \$16; total, 26 75.

The congregation discovering the great inconvenience to which their minister was put, to procure a residence in the immediate vicinity of the Church, determined to make an effort to purchase a parsonage; accordingly the last year, a subscription was circulated among the congregation, and in a few weeks, fourteen hundred dollars were subscribed, a lot of ground containing thirteen acres, has been purchased, and a comfortable house erected. To accomplish this object, the vestry has been under the necessity of incurring a debt of about one thousand dollars, of which they hope to be relieved by the further contributions of the congregation and other generous individuals, who may be disposed to assist them in this important business.

*St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook.*

Baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 12; total, 14; congregation, families, 95; communicants, added, 2; present number, 47; public services, on Sundays, 50; other days, 12; total, 62; confirmed, 7; marriages, 2. burials, 1; collections, Episcopal Fund, \$2; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$7; Convention Fund, \$2; total, \$11

Report of the Rev. R. U. Morgan, Rector of Christ Church, Reading.

Baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 17; total, 20; congregation, families, 37; adults, 104; children, 62; total, 168; communicants, added, 9; removed, 4; present number, 56; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 82; total, 186; confirmed, 6; marriages, 4; burials, 5; children catechized, 40; times, 10; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 4; pupils, 50; female teachers, 17; pupils, 60; total schools, 2; teachers, 21; pupils, 110; collections, Episcopal Fund, \$7; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$8; missionary and other purposes, \$342; total, \$357.

The plan of *Sunday offerings*, which was noticed in the last report, as having been introduced in the Parish, has not succeeded to the extent anticipated. We are however encouraged to continue it, in the expectation that a larger amount will be collected during the present year.

It is due to the congregation to state, that they have purchased a comfortable and convenient parsonage house, and that they have been liberal in their contributions in sustaining the Church. They also afford the principal support to a young gentleman in his theological course, at the General Seminary.

The sum of thirty-six dollars has been paid to the Board of Missions. This amount was contributed in part at the monthly Missionary meetings, and in part by the scholars of the Sunday School, the different classes of which have been recently formed into Missionary societies, with appropriate names of their own choosing. The plan is found to interest them in the subject of missions, and secure their mite to the cause. The sum collected at the Missionary meetings, would have been larger, had the collections been regular, during the year, but they had been discontinued after the introduction of the Sunday offerings, and were only resumed in February last.

The Sunday school is in a prosperous condition, and receives the constant supervision of the Rector.

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Report of the Rev. Henry J. Morton, Rector of St. James's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 7; infants, 26: total, 33: congregation, families, 160: adults and children, 600: communicants, added, 45: died or removed, 6; present number, 160: public services, on Sundays, 104: other days, 50: total, 154: confirmed, 31: marriages, 7: burials, 4: children catechized, 6: times, 6; bible classes, 1: members, 16: Sunday schools, male, 1: pupils, 53: female, 2: pupils, 107: total, schools, 3: teachers, 30: pupils, 260; collections, Episcopal Fund, \$122,75: Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$200: missionary and other purposes, \$2018,60: total, \$2341,35.

The general condition of the congregation has improved much during the last twelve months. The Sunday schools are more numerously attended, the collections larger, and the attendance both on Sundays and lecture days, greatly improved. Most of those who have joined the communion, were added during the season of Lent.

Report of the Rev. G. W. Natt, Deacon, Missionary, Rector of St. John's Church, Bellefonte, Centre county.

Congregation, families, 18: adults, 36: children, 43: total, 79: baptisms, infants, 9: total, 9: communicants, present number, 2: marriages, 1: burials, 1: public services, on Sundays, 60: on other days, 6: total, 66: children catechized, 25: times, 3: Sunday schools, 1: teachers, male, 3: female, 5: pupils, male, 32: female, 41: total, teachers, 8: pupils, 73.

The present minister assumed the charge of this Parish, on the 11th Aug. 1837. His report furnishes a view of its condition, only since that time. The Church edifice, which was commenced under his predecessor, was consecrated on the 4th of May. The state of feeling among the people of his charge is such, as to call for gratitude, and to encourage hope. While on the part of many others, favorable opinions and kind feelings have taken the place of these prejudices, which were formerly entertained against the Church. Nineteen of the public services mentioned in the preceding report, were performed at places in the vicinity of Bellefonte.

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Report of the Rev. W. N. Pendleton, Missionary of St. John's Church, New London Township, Chester Co., Pa.

From the time of the removal of the Rev. Mr. Kirke from his charge in Chester county, this church remained without the usual ministrations, up to the 8th day of October, 1837. On that day it was re-opened, and the services revived, by the Rev. W. N. Pendleton, as a missionary, by appointment from the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Pennsylvania.

The Missionary is enabled to give only the forenoon of every other Sunday to this church, in consequence of other engagements. The attendance of the congregation is regular, and respectable in number; (one of the many good results of the Rev. Mr. Kirke's faithful labours.)

Average number of congregation, from 80 to 120; number of communicants, about 25, as near as the missionary has any data upon which to make an estimate. He being only Deacon, has been able to have the communion administered but once since October, by exchange with a brother clergyman of the requisite order.

Baptisms, 1 infant; Sunday school, not so flourishing, as is much to be desired. The officiating clergyman resides so far off, and is so incessantly engaged in other duties, as to pre-



vent his bestowing upon this institution the care he could wish, and which it needs. The library collected by the Rev. Mr. Kirke is good, and notwithstanding the hindrances, the hope is cherished that good may be accomplished through the Sunday school during the milder season of the year which is at hand. The missionary contributions of the congregation can be but small—they being a worthy, but a poor people. It is the purpose and prayer, however, of the missionary now labouring among them, to engage their hearts and efforts in this great work of the church.

The church at the Old Grove, in West Marlborough Township, Chester county, is also under the charge of the Rev. W. N. Pendleton, missionary. It is impracticable yet, to have it organized formally; the congregation being mostly composed of persons who have been accustomed to the worship of other denominations, and who have become indifferent almost as to all religion. There are, however, a few individuals who take interest in the welfare of this church, as a church; and a few others, who without knowing much of the church, are anxious to be fed from the Gospel with the bread of life. The services are held in this church by the missionary on the afternoon of those Sundays on the mornings of which he officiates at St. John's Church, New London. The congregation averages from 30 perhaps to 80. Number of communicants, 3; no Sunday school, and as yet no missionary efforts.

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Report of the Rev. W. S. Perkins, Rector of St. James' Church, Bristol.

Baptisms, 9; marriages, 11; burials, 7; Sunday schools, 2, scholars, 90; teachers, 10; collections for missionary and other purposes, \$100; present number of communicants, 53; added to the communion, 16; services on the Sabbath, 104; services on other occasions, 95.

Nothing of special interest has occurred in this church during the year. We have waited upon the Lord in the way of his appointment, and our hearts have been encouraged.

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Report of the Rev. C. E. Pleasants, Rector of St. Paul's and St. Mark's Churches, in Montrose and New Milford, Susquehanna County.

Baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 2; total, 4; confirmed, 8; communicants, added, 3; present number, 40; burials, 2; public services, on Sundays, 80; other days, 4; total, 84; children cate-



chized, 30; times, 6; Sunday schools, male, 2; teachers, 7; pupils, 30; female, 2; teachers, 10; pupils, 40; total schools, 4; teachers, 17; pupils, 70; collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$16 25.

The Rector of these churches, entered upon his charge in the middle of last September. The present report is of course therefore measurably deficient.

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Report of the Rev. W. H. Rees, Rector of St. David's Church, Newtown, Delaware County.

Baptisms, adults, 6; infants, 6; total, 12; communicants, added, 10; died or removed, 3; present number, 67; public services, on Sundays, 52; on other days, 9; and in other parishes, 25; total, 86; marriages, 7; burials, 4; children catechized, 11; times, 7; Bible class, 1; members, 13; Sunday schools, 1; male teachers, 2; female teachers, 3; total, 5; male pupils 12; female pupils, 13; total, 25; collections, Episcopal Fund, \$2 50; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, \$10 20; Convention Fund, \$3 67; Missionary and other purposes, \$55 70; total, \$72 07.

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Report of the Rev. J. Reynolds, Rector of St. John's Church, Norristown, Montgomery County.

Congregation, families, 40; adults, 100; children, 100; total, 200; baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 5; total 6; communicants, added, 4; present number, 44; marriages, 3, burials, 2; public services, on Sundays, 60; other days, 3; total, 63; children catechized, 15; times, 16; Sunday schools, male teachers, 2; pupils, 52; female teachers, 12; pupils, 49; total teachers, 14; pupils, 101; collection, Missionary and other purposes, \$30.

The Rector of this congregation is sorry to report that in consequence of a protracted illness last fall, the Bible class having necessarily been suspended for a considerable time, he has found it hitherto impracticable to re-assemble it. His distance from Norristown renders it difficult for him to pay that close attention to the interests of the church which would tend to promote its welfare; but should arrangements be made (which he believes are contemplated) to secure the exclusive services of a clergyman, there are abundance of excellent materials to promote a more rapid and permanent success to the interests of our beloved Zion in Norristown.

Report of the Rev. G. W. Ridgley, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Newtown,  
Bucks county.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 8; total 9; communicants, added, 6; died, 1; present number, 17; confirmed 6; marriages, 1; Sunday school teachers, 8; pupils, 50.

The prospects of this congregation are encouraging, both in respect to its spiritual and temporal concerns. It has been much embarrassed by a debt of about \$1500, part of the cost of building. By the liberality of a few individuals belonging to the parish, a subscription of \$1300 has been raised, the payment of which is contingent upon making up the whole amount within three months.

The church at Yardleyville, has since the last report been committed to the care of another clergyman, who also takes charge of the one at Hulmeville.

A new church is under contract at Attleboro, which will probably be built during the summer. The probability of getting up a good congregation at this place is greatly increased by the establishment of the Attleboro High School, an Institution that needs only to be known, to command the patronage and approbation of the Church. It is decidedly Episcopal in its character, and is worthy of all confidence.

A subscription of nearly 1000 dollars, has been raised towards the erection of a church at Taylorsville, an interesting position, at which Washington crossed the Delaware on Christmas night, 1776, just before the decisive battle of Trenton. If we can succeed in erecting a little *Monumental Church* at this point, it will be an appropriate expression of our gratitude to Him whose gracious providence crowned our Revolutionary struggle with success. It will be particularly interesting as being attached to *that denomination* with which Washington himself was in full and devout communion. The neighbourhood is very destitute of religious privileges. The above subscription is all that they can do. Will not both patriotism and piety, secure for them assistance from abroad?

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Report of the Rev. John Rodney, Jr., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown.

Baptisms, adults, 7; children, 16; total, 23; marriages, 5; burials, 6; communicants, died and removed, 7; added, 13; total, 42; families, about 50, comprising of adults and children, 200; services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 3; total,

107; Sunday school, 1; number of scholars, 75; teachers, 10; collected for various objects, about \$200, most of which sum was expended upon the Church, and a part specially devoted to the perpetual and adequate insurance of the Church building and furniture. The Sunday school has been faithfully and efficiently conducted by those having charge thereof, and the general condition of the Church, the Rector is happy to say, is prosperous.

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Report of the Rev. J. M. Rogers, Missionary, of Trinity Church, Easton, Northampton county.

Baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 15; total, 18; communicants, added, 6; died or removed, 2; present number, about 74; public services, on Sundays, 112; other days, 14; total, 126; confirmed, 7; marriages, 4; burials, 9; children catechised, 15; times, 24; collections, Episcopal Fund, \$5; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, \$12 50; missionary and other purposes, \$27 50; total, \$45.

Our congregation is gradually increasing, and I have the pleasure of reporting to the Bishop that the Church at Easton is now able to sustain itself without the aid from the Missionary Society; we therefore shall give it up at the end of the present quarter, with many thanks that it has been continued to us so long. Since July last I have preached regularly every fourth Sunday at Allentown, Lehigh county, to a respectable and attentive audience. In December, a congregation was organized by the name of St. Paul's Church. If a missionary could be stationed to preach alternately at Allentown and Mauch Chunk, I have no doubt of the Church being soon built up in both those places; but if they cannot be supplied with the services of a missionary, the good beginnings now made will be lost to the Church; for how can they hear without a preacher, and how can they preach unless they be sent? These are examples among many others, of our wants at home among our own household. Since my last report, I have spent two Sundays at Mauch Chunk.

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Report of the Rev. George Sheets, Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford township, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 10; total, 11; confirmed, 8; communicants, added, 5; died or removed, 13; present number, 37; marriages, 13; burials, 12; public services, on Sundays,

104; other days not enumerated; children catechised on different Sundays in June; Sunday schools, 3, under female superintendents; teachers, 12; pupils, 120; collections, Episcopal Fund, \$3 39; Soc. Adv. Christianity, \$7 35; General Missionary Society, \$4 71; Convention Fund, \$4 77; General Theological Seminary, \$14; Parish Library, \$9 40; for additional Church lots in Frankford, and enlargement of lecture and Sunday school room, \$617 89½; total, \$661 51½.

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Report of the Rev. Isaac Smith, Rector of St. James' Church, Borough of Muncy, Lycoming county.

Congregation, families, 39; baptisms, adults, 6; infants, 27; total, 33; confirmed, 8; communicants, added, 1; died or removed, 4; present number, 48; marriages 4; burials, 4; public services, on Sundays, 82; a weekly lecture; children catechised in the Sunday school; Sunday school, 1; male teachers, 3; pupils, 30; female teachers, 4; pupils, 26; total, teachers, 7; pupils, 56; Bible classes, 2; members, 12; collections, Episcopal Fund, \$1 61; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, \$7 50; missionary and other purposes, \$14 50.

The number of the congregation has greatly increased since the last report. Not so many of other denominations have attended, but some who had not attended any congregation regularly, have now taken seats in the Church, and attend regularly.

The debt of the Church is now reduced to a hundred and forty-five dollars; and there is enough subscribed to liquidate the whole.

Since my last report, I have preached at Milton, once; at Williamsport, twice; at Hughesburg, three times.

In Derry township, Columbia county, about eight miles from Muncy, there seems to be an opening for the services of our Church. It is presumed that a congregation will, in time, be raised there. I have preached there four times since my last report.

When I review the last year, I can see much reason to mourn that more has not been accomplished; yet, I see much reason to bless the Lord for what has been done.

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Report of the Rev. Nathan Stem, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburg, Dauphin county.

Congregation, families, from 50 to 60; baptisms, infants, 7 confirmed, 3; communicants, added, 3; died or removed, 4



present number, 62; marriages, 6; burials, 4; public services, on Sundays, 102; other days, 48; total, 150; children catechized, frequently in Sunday school; total schools, 1; teachers, 12; pupils, 80; collections, Episcopal fund, \$4,86; Convention fund, \$5; missionary and other purposes, \$580; total, \$589,86.

Funds to a considerable amount have been contributed for missionary purposes, by individuals in the congregation, which have not passed through the congregational channel, and consequently are not included in any of the above collections. The only remaining debt of the congregation, viz: that due on the lot upon which the Church is erected, has been paid off during the past year, so that the property is now fairly in the hands of the vestry, and the congregation entirely out of debt. The attendance at public worship is also decidedly better and more regular, than at any former period. But at the same time, the rector is constrained to acknowledge, that he has not witnessed, during the past year, any very encouraging evidences of spiritual improvement—indeed, he fears it has not kept pace with the improvement in temporal things.

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Report of the Rev. Wm. Suddards, Rector of Grace Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, 200: adults, 470: children, 450: total, 920: baptisms, adults, 14: infants, 38: total, 52: confirmed, 49: communicants, added, 70: died or removed, 8: present number, 263: marriages, 12: burials, 12: public services, on Sundays, 104: other days, 60: total, 164: children catechized, the entire school, 12 times: Sunday schools, male, 1: teachers, 22: pupils, 162: female, 1: teachers, 16: pupils, 173; total schools, 2: teachers, 38: pupils, 325: bible classes, 4, members, 76: collections, Episcopal fund, \$21,90: Convention fund, \$40,86: Soc. Adv. of Christianity, \$150: missionary and other purposes, \$2764: total, \$2975,86.

The Rector of this Parish has cause for continued and increased thankfulness to Almighty God, for the tokens of mercy and kindness which have been bestowed upon himself and his charge during another year. It has been a year of spiritual blessing, and calls for warm and devout gratitude.

A few weeks of the past year were spent by the Rector in Great Britain, during which time, he had the pleasure of occupying Episcopal Pulpits on several occasions; and was glad to witness the rapid growth of Evangelical truth, zeal and devotion in that venerable establishment, to which "the Church



in these States is indebted under God, for her first foundation, and a long continuance of nursery, care and protection."

Returning to his parochial duties in August last, the Rector has had the gratification of beholding the work of the Lord prospering in his hands. Many have been recently brought to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus Christ, and have taken upon them, the vows of the faith.

Our schools are greatly increased in the number of their pupils, and it is hoped in the efficacy and moral power of their agency.

Our different societies for feeding the poor, clothing the naked, and supporting the cause of Christianity, continue active in these works of faith and labours of love. Peace pervades the congregation, and the parish was never in so prosperous a condition in every respect, as at the present. "Not unto us O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name be all the glory."

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Report of the Rev. M. R. Talbot, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chester, and St. Martin's Church, Delaware county.

Baptisms, adults, 28; infants, 22; total, 48; the Bishop is expected to visit the Churches, for the purpose of administering the Apostolic rite of confirmation, in July next; communicants, added, 32; died, 1; removed, 7; present number, 93, (as near as I have ascertained;) marriages, 6; burials, 8; public services, on Sundays, morning, afternoon, and often at night; also, on Thursday nights, and on Christmas, Good Friday, &c.; Sunday schools, male teachers, &c. &c.; bible classes, 1, discontinued, owing to the removal of the Rector from the village of Chester: collections, Episcopal Fund, \$10; other purposes, about \$26, to be appropriated for such missionary objects, as the Bishop may deem advisable.

I have only to remark, that there appears to be a growing zeal for the cause of Christ, and the church which He planted. The Book of Common Prayer, has been purchased by all the new Communicants, who were not before supplied, so that the cause of Christ and His Church go hand in hand.

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Report of the Rev. John V. E. Thorn, Rector of Christ Church, Hunting-ton township, and of Christ Church Chapel, Petersburg, (York Springs) Adams county.

Baptisms, infants, 8; adults, 1 by the Bishop, an intelligent old lady, of the Society of Friends; total, 9; congregation, families, 34; communicants, added, 3; present number, 33; mar-

riages, 5; burials, 3; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 35; female, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 36; total, schools, 2; teachers, 11; pupils, 71.

As I have been minute, in several preceding reports, in my account of these Churches, I deem it unnecessary to say more on this occasion, than that they continue much in the same state they are therein represented to be, with the exception of *realising* the advantages, we then anticipated, from the building of our chapel.

The collection for the Convention Fund has been made; for the Episcopal Fund, it shall be made and transmitted.

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Report of the Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D. D., Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families about 200; baptisms, adults 11; infants 30; total, 41; confirmed, 48; communicants, added, 71; died, 1; present number, 297; marriages, 22; funerals, 7; children catechized, about, 400; times, 12; Sunday schools, male teachers, 21; scholars, 180; female teachers, 25; scholars, 256; total, teachers, 46; scholars, 436; collections, Episcopal fund, \$54; missionary and other purposes, \$4,256 71.

The last year has been a year of blessings and mercies to this Church; God has added unto it many, I trust, of such as shall be saved. Of the 71 communicants added, *fifty* approached the Lord's Table for the first time; among whom, were ten from our Sunday school. The 48 persons confirmed, make 163 who have thus made a public religious profession in this Church, within the last three years. Our religious services during the year, have been as usual; but they have been a source of gratification. The Lord has manifested his power among us continually, in the awakening of the careless, and in edifying his people in the faith. But among all our services, I have had peculiar reason to speak of the excellent influence of our services during the season of Lent. The daily meeting at 5 o'clock, P. M., has been numerously attended, and found exceedingly beneficial, by all who have attended. On four days in March, we had the privilege of continued services from several of the clergy who came in brotherly kindness, to help me in my work. Fourteen ambassadors for Christ were present with us during these four days, giving themselves to the word of God and prayer, and their message was made the power of God unto salvation, unto many souls. The benefit of such services in our case has been undoubted. God has

blessed them to the spiritual improvement of the congregation, and has increased by their influences, the attachment of our people to the Church. The services of the Bishop's visitation were also very valuable. His discourses and addresses were well adapted to build up and strengthen those whom he set apart, as the professed people of God. Of our missionary and other contributions, \$1,250, have been given to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society; \$500 have been given to the support of clergymen in new churches in this Diocese. Goodness and mercy have followed us during the whole year. I am in the midst of an affectionate and kind people, who bear with my infirmities, and value my sincere, though imperfect labours for Christ sake, and I feel thankful that God has given me so goodly an heritage.

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Report of the Rev. George Upfold, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, in the city of Pittsburgh, Allegheny county.

Baptisms, adults, 1: infants, 60: total, 61: communicants, added, 22: died or removed, 45: present number, 275: marriages, 16: burials, 36: public services, on Sundays, 104: other days, 60: total, 164: children catechised on Sunday afternoon in the Sunday school: Sunday schools, male, 1: teachers, 5: pupils, 87: female, 1: teachers, 7: pupils, 132: total, schools 2: teachers, 12: pupils, 219: collections, Episcopal Fund, \$29 53: Soc. Adv. Christianity, \$100: Convention Fund, \$20: missionary and other purposes, \$274: total, \$423 53.

The Rector of this parish has officiated once at Freeport, Armstrong county, and administered the holy communion; once at Butler, Butler county, and performed the same service; and three times in Christ Church, Allegheny Borough, on one of which occasions he administered the holy communion and baptised several children.

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Report of the Rev. P. Van Pelt.

Although suffering much, at times, from the physical disability alluded to in my preceding report, I have been enabled to preach *once* every Lord's day, excepting twelve, since the last Convention. About one half of these services were rendered to Churches in the city, temporarily deprived of the ministrations of their own pastors; the remainder to the following institutions: the Alms House, Eastern Penitentiary, House of Refuge, and Moyamensing Prison.

As Secretary of the "Board of Missions," I attended, in June last, the annual meeting of that body, in Baltimore, and discharged the duties of my office.

I have baptised six children, administered the Lord's supper once in public, and twice to dying persons, officiated at one funeral, and been much engaged in visiting the sick.

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Report of the Rev. Alexander Varian.

He continued to hold service and preach on Sundays, alternately with the Rev. Mr. Crusé, at the Abbeville Institute, until the close of July, 1837, in the manner specified in the report of last year. After Mr. Crusé's removal from the Diocese, in September, Mr. Varian continued to hold service and preach every Sunday, at the Institute, until the close of October, since which time he has been prevented by ill health, from performing the ordinary duties of the ministry. On the 1st of April last, his connexion with the Abbeville Institute was dissolved, since which he has resided in Lancaster.

On Sunday, July 2, he held service, preached twice, and administered the holy communion, at Columbia, at the request of the Rev. Mr. Franklin, missionary at that place.

July 23d, read service and preached once at Margaretta Furnace, York county. September 3d, preached once at St. James' Church, Lancaster.

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Report of the Rev. William White, Deacon and Missionary, of St. Peter's Church, Butler, and Trinity Church, Freeport.

*St. Peter's Church, Butler.*

Baptisms, infants, 5; congregation, families, 36; adults, 74; children, 57; total, 131; communicants, added, 2; present number, 51; public services, on Sundays, 34; other days, 3; total, 37.

*Trinity Church, Freeport.*

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 2; total 3; congregation, families, 25; adults, 51; children, 43; total, 94; communicants, present number, 41; marriages, 1; burials, 1; public services, on Sunday, 32; other days, 2; total, 34.

In addition to the above, I baptised three children in Philadelphia, who are not entered in any parish register, and performed other occasional services, during the period intervening between my ordination in July, and the commencement of my labours at my present location.



Report of the Rev. E. W. Wiltbank, Deacon, Minister of St. John's, Concord; and the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester.

*St. John's Church, Concord.*

In this parish I have officiated since July, 1837. The services of the Church have been performed regularly every Sunday, with one exception, and on Christmas day; 2 have been baptized; 5 confirmed; 1 couple married; number of communicants, 40; of families, 30; collection for Convention Fund, \$5.

*Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester.*

In this parish, I have officiated the same length of time; and performed the services of the Church, as at St. John's, Concord. When I commenced at this station, the prospects of the Church were discouraging. We could then only number 3 or 4 families; at the present time, however, I think we can calculate upon 15. The number of our congregation averages 150; in the Sunday school, we count 50 scholars, and 8 teachers; marriages, 2; deaths, 3.

The corner-stone of our church will be laid by the Bishop, on Monday, June 4th; towards the erection of which we have subscribed about \$3000. The whole cost of the church and lot will be \$4,690 00.

Owing to the limited time in which I have officiated at these parishes, my report is necessarily imperfect.

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The Rev. James Wiltbank, Chaplain of the U. S. Navy,

Reports, that by the orders of Government, and with the leave of absence for twelve months from his bishop, he left this city on the 17th April, 1837, for Boston, to join the U. S. ship Independence, on a cruise to Russia, and the coast of Brazil.

That he performed divine service and preached, the four Sundays during his stay at Boston, on board, to a crew of 700, including officers, men, and boys; sanctioned by the attendance of many of the ladies and gentlemen of that city—and that many of the Bostonians having become interested in the crew, united with the Commodore and officers in the plan of organizing a Sunday and Day-school for the instruction of the boys, more than fifty in number. Hence furnished with an outfit of all books and stationery necessary for the day school, and a new and complete Sunday school library of 400 vols.—300 prayer Books—50 Bibles—50 Testaments—50



Singing books, and innumerable tracts, he sailed on the 20th of May.

Through the sanction and support of his most excellent Commodore, J. B. Nicholson, (a good churchman and proper example,) the Chaplain considered himself very successful in establishing discipline, and in his general superintendence of the schools, both on Sundays and throughout the week. During the week he witnessed the regular advancement of the different classes, from spelling to geography, grammar, and navigation, while on Sundays, he would hear 40 or 50 of their voices following the Commodore and his officers, in the regular responses of our service, and in singing the praises of God. Divine service was regularly performed on every Sunday, and a sermon preached, the whole crew devoutly attending, it is hoped with salutary effects. More than two hundred had abandoned their noxious whiskey, with purposes of reform, during his services among them.

The Chaplain, however, in the midst of his labours, was seized with a violent affection of the cholera, and after four weeks confinement, was landed in England, with instructions to return to his own country, and report accordingly, to the proper authority. His return has been approved, and agreeably to orders he is enrolled at the Navy Yard at this place, waiting further orders. He thinks it proper to add, that during his station on board the Independence, he buried 1 sailor at Boston, 1 at Portsmouth, England; and 2 in the depth of the Baltic, and that since his return home he has performed divine service and preached six times in relief to his clerical brethren.

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Report of the Rev. C. Wiltberger, Rector of Emmanuel Church,  
Kensington.

Congregation, families, 17; adults, 40; children, 30; total, 70; baptisms, infants, 26; confirmed, 9; communicants, added, 18; died or removed, 1; present number, 27; marriages, 3; burials, 9; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 58; total, 192; children catechized, 40; times, weekly, Sunday schools, male and female, 1; teachers, 9; pupils, 120; bible classes, 1; members, 25; collections, missionary and other purposes, 8 37.

In the early part of last fall, the vestry of this church deemed it advisable to commence the erection of a building for the accommodation of the congregation. For the purpose of

bringing the subject before the Episcopal public, a Circular was addressed to them in behalf of the enterprize. The cornerstone was laid by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, on the 16th of October last. The address on the occasion was made by the Rev. Dr. Tyng, to a large congregation. The building has been in progress until the present time, and we are happy to be able to state, that it is expected to be ready for consecration to the service of Almighty God, on the 7th of June. It is a neat edifice, 38 by 50, with a recess of 5 by 16, and a tower in front 12 by 14, with a basement story. The whole is in Gothic order, and to be rough-cast. It is built by contract, for \$1,600. \$2,722 25 of this money has been paid into the treasury; leaving \$1,800, yet to be collected. The ground, 92 feet front, by 101 feet deep, for which \$3000 is to be paid, is at present on ground rent.

The congregation removed from the Commissioners' Hall, to the basement story of the church, on the 1st Sunday in January, where we are at present worshipping.

With regard to the spiritual interests of this church, we regret that we are not able to make as favourable a report as we could wish. This is owing in a great measure to the fact, that the Rector has been obliged "to leave the word of God, and serve tables." As we expect soon to be in the church, and a new impulse will hence be given to our operations, and the Rector will be able "to give himself continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word," we hope, by the Divine blessing, to experience a more encouraging state of things.

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Report of C. H. Jones, Warden of St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburg, Alleghany county.

This Church was organized in the spring of 1837. At the first communion on Easter Sunday, 1837, administered by the Rev. Dr. Lacey, there were 24 communicants. The services of the Church have been regularly maintained by lay reading and the occasional assistance of the clergy. The Rev. Charles H. Page took charge of the Church on the 5th of November, 1837, and remained for several months with much acceptance and usefulness. The last time the communion was administered, there were 60 communicants. There has been 1 funeral; 1 marriage; the baptisms are not known.

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Report of St. James' Church, Evansburg, Montgomery county.  
 Congregation, families, 45; adults, 100; children, 150; total,

250; baptisms, adults, 7; infants, 8; total, 15; communicants, added, 22; died or removed 4; present number, 71; burials, 4; public services, on Sundays, 50; other days, 50; total, 100; Sunday schools, male teachers, 2; pupils, 30; female teachers, 6; pupils, 40; total, school, 1; teachers, 8; pupils, 70; Bible class, 1; members, 35; collections, Episcopal Fund, \$5 50; missionary and other purposes, \$50; total, \$55 50.

This congregation continues in a flourishing state. The Association held last winter was attended with the most blessed results, as the unusually large increase to the number of communicants exhibits. The greatest hindrance to a still further advancement is the limited size of the church; could this be removed by the enlargement of the present, or the erection of a new building, a considerable increase would undoubtedly result. O for more zeal and ardour to extend the walls of our Episcopal Zion!

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Report of W. H. Sayre, Warden of St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk, Northampton county.

Baptisms, adults, 7; infants, 8; total, 15; confirmations, 8; communicants, added, 4; present number, 9; burial, 1; congregation, about 40 adults; public services, on Sundays, 16; other days, 2; total, 18; collection, Convention Fund, \$5 67, remitted in May last.

In July last, the Right Rev. H. U. Onderdonk visited us, performed divine service, and preached three times.

This congregation still continues without a Rector, and having had during the year no stated ministerial services, we, with much satisfaction, record the names of the following reverend gentlemen who have kindly and voluntarily extended their aid to us: The Rev. Geo. C. Drake officiated 9 times; Rev. J. M. Rogers, 4 times; Rev. C. E. Pleasants, 2 times.

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*List of the Congregations in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.*

ADAMS COUNTY.

Huntingdon township—Christ Church.

ALLEGHANY COUNTY.

City of Pittsburgh—Trinity Church, and St. Andrew's Church.\*

\*Admitted into the union at the Convention of 1838.

Alleghany—Christ Church.

Lawrenceville—St. John's Church.

Laceyville—St. Paul's Church.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY.

Kittaning—St. Paul's Church.

BEAVER COUNTY.

Georgetown—Georgetown Church.

BERKS COUNTY.

Amity township (Morlatten)—St. Gabriel's Church.

Reading—Christ Church.

Morgantown—St. Thomas' Church.

BRADFORD COUNTY.

Pike—St. Matthew's Church.

BUCKS COUNTY.

Bristol—St. James the Greater's Church.

Newtown—St. Luke's Church.

Yardleyville—St. Andrew's Church.

Hulmeville—Grace Church.

BUTLER COUNTY.

Butler—St. Peter's Church.

CENTRE COUNTY.

Phillipsburgh—Trinity Church.

CHESTER COUNTY.

New London township—St. John's Church.

East Nantmeal township—St. Mary's Church.

Great Valley—St. Peter's Church.

Pequea township—St. John's Church.

West Whiteland township—St. Paul's Church.

West Wincent—St. Andrew's Church.

Honeybrook—St. Mark's Church.

West Chester—Church of Holy Trinity.\*

COLUMBIA COUNTY.

Sugarloaf township—St. Gabriel's Church.

Bloomsburgh—St. Paul's Church.

Madison—Jerseytown—Christ Church.

Danville—Christ Church.

CRAWFORD COUNTY.

Meadville—Christ Church.

Rockville—Trinity Church.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Carlisle—St. John's Church.

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## DAUPHIN COUNTY.

Harrisburgh—St. Stephen's Church.

## DELAWARE COUNTY.

Chester—St. Paul's Church.

Lower Chichester township, Marcus Hook—St. Martin's Church.

Concord township—St. John's Church.

Newtown township—Radnor—St. David's Church.

Rockdale—Calvary Church.

## ERIE COUNTY.

Erie—St. Paul's Church.

Waterford—St. Peter's Church.

## FAYETTE COUNTY.

Brownsville—Christ Church.

Manalen—Grace Church.

Connelsville—Trinity Church.

## HUNTINGDON COUNTY.

Huntingdon—St. John's Church.

## INDIANA COUNTY.

Blairsville—St. Peter's Church.

## LANCASTER COUNTY.

City of Lancaster—St. James' Church.

Leacock township—Christ Church.

Caernavon township, Churchtown—Bangor Church.

Marietta—Zion Church.

## LUZERNE COUNTY.

Wilkes-barre—St. Stephen's Church.

## LYCOMING COUNTY.

Muncy—St. James' Church.

## MERCER COUNTY.

St. John's Church.

## MIFFLIN COUNTY.

Lewistown—St. Mark's Church.

Thompsontown—St. Stephen's Church.

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Whitemarsh township—St. Thomas' Church.

Perkiomen township—St. James' Church.

Norristown—St. John's Church.

Pottstown—Christ Church.

## NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Easton—Trinity Church.

Mauch Chunk—St. Mark's Church.



## NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Milton—Christ Church.

Sunbury—St. Matthew's Church.

## PHILADELPHIA COUNTY.

The city of Philadelphia—Christ Church, St. Peter's Church, St. James' Church, St. Paul's Church, St. Stephen's Church, St. Andrew's Church, Grace Church, All Soul's Church, the Church of the Epiphany, and the Church of the Ascension.

Northern Liberties—St. John's Church.

Southwark—Trinity Church.

Francisville—St. Matthew's Church.

Lower Dublin township—All Saints Church.

Oxford township—Trinity Church.

Germantown—St. Luke's Church.

Blockley township, Mantua—St. Mark's Church.

Kensington—Emmanuel Church.

West Philadelphia—St. Mary's Church.

Manayunk—St. David's Church.

Spring Garden—Zion Church.

Moyamensing—All Saints Church.\*

## SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.

Pottsville—St. Luke's Church, and Trinity Church.

## SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY.

Springville—St. Jude's Church, and St. Andrew's Church.

New Milford—St. Mark's Church.

Montrose—St. Paul's Church.

## VENANGO COUNTY.

Franklin—St. John's Church.

Venango Furnace—St. James' Church.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Pike Run township—St. Peter's Church.

## WAYNE COUNTY.

Dyberry parish—Embracing Grace Church, Honesdale and Truth Church, Bethany.

## WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

Greensburg—Christ Church.

## YORK COUNTY.

York—St. John the Baptist's Church.

There is also in Philadelphia, St. Thomas' (African) Church not in union with the Convention.

Total, 99.

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## A LIST

*Of all the Ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church,  
Canonically resident in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.*

MAY 15th, 1838.

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The Right Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese.

The Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D., Philadelphia.

The Rev. William Adderly, Missionary, at Georgetown, and other places in Beaver county.

The Rev. Frederick Beasley, Rector of All Saints' church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Samuel Bowman, rector of St. James' church, Lancaster.

The Rev. George Boyd, rector of St. John's church, N. L., Philadelphia.

The Rev. Thomas Brientnall, rector of St. Mary's church, Hamiltonville, Philadelphia county; and Missionary.

The Rev. William Bryant, missionary, at Moyamensing, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Edward Y. Buchanan, rector of St. John's church, Pequea, Chester county, and Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

The Rev. Levi Bull, rector of St. Mary's church, East Nantmeal, Chester county, St. Thomas' church, Morgantown, Berks county, and Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster county.

The Rev. John A. Clark, rector of St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John Coleman, rector of Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Thomas Crumpton, rector of Christ church, Meadville, Crawford county.

The Rev. Robert Davis, Philadelphia.

The Rev. William H. De Lancey, D.D., rector of St. Peter's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Benjamin Dorr, rector of Christ church, Philad.

The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, rector of St. Matthew's church, Francisville, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. George C. Drake, rector of St. Paul's church Bloomsburg; and missionary at other places in Columbia co.

The Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, D. D., rector of St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Frederick Freeman, rector of St. David's church, Manayunk, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Walter E. Franklin, deacon, rector of St. John's church, York; and missionary at Columbia, Lancaster county.

The Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, rector of Christ church Brownville, Fayette county, and missionary at Pike Run Washington county.

The Rev. William Hilton, Rector of St. Paul's church West Whiteland; and St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Chester county.

The Rev. John F. Hoff, rector of St. Mark's church, Lewisistown; and missionary at Huntingdon, Huntingdon county, and Thompsonstown, Juniata co.

The Rev. William Hommann, deacon, rector of St. Gabriel's church, Douglassville, (Morlattin,) Berks county, and missionary.

The Rev. John J. Kerr, missionary at Connelsville, Fayette county; and Greensburgh, Westmoreland county.

The Rev. Bryan B. Killikelly, missionary at Kittaning, and Glade Run, Armstrong county.

The Rev. George Kirke, missionary at Yardleyville, and Hulmeville, Bucks county.

The Rev. William B. Lacey, D. D., rector of St. Paul's church, Laceyville, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Freeman Lane, missionary at Springville, Susquehanna county, and Pike, Bradford co.

The Rev. Samuel T. Lord, missionary at Waterford, Erie county, and Rockville, Crawford county.

The Rev. James May, rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George Mintzer, rector of St. Andrew's church, West Vincent; and St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook, Chester county.

The Rev. Richard U. Morgan, rector of Christ church, Reading, Berks county.

The Rev. Henry J. Morton, rector of St. James' church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. William S. Perkins, rector of St. James church, Bristol, Bucks county.

The Rev. William H. Rees, rector of St. David's (Radnor,) church, Newtown, Delaware county.

The Rev. John Reynolds, rector of St. James' church, Perkiomen; and St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery co.

The Rev. Greenbury W. Ridgley, rector of St. Luke's church, Newtown, Bucks county.

The Rev. John Rodney, Jr., rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, rector of Trinity church, Easton, Northampton county, and missionary there, and at Allentown, Lehigh county.

The Rev. George Sheets, rector of Trinity church, Oxford, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Isaac Smith, missionary at Muncy and Williamsport, Lycoming county; and Milton, Northumberland co.

The Rev. Nathan Stem, rector of St. Stephen's church, Harrisburgh, Dauphin county.

The Rev. William Suddards, rector of Grace church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John Taylor, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. John V. E. Thorn, rector of Christ church, Huntington, Adams county, residing at Carlisle.

The Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D. D., rector of the church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George Upfold, D. D., rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Alexander Varian, Lancaster.

The Rev. Bird Wilson, D. D., Professor in the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Christian Wiltberger, rector of Emanuel church, Kensington, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John B. Clemson, rector of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.

#### LIST CONTINUED.

The Rev. Patrick Henry Greenleaf, rector of St. John's church, Carlisle, Cumberland county.

The Rev. Marmaduke Hirst, missionary at Rockdale, Delaware county.

The Rev. John W. Hoffman, teacher in the Episcopal Academy, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Alfred Louderback, missionary at Danville, Columbia county; and Sunbury, Northumberland co.

The Rev. Tobias Harpur Mitchell, M. D., deacon, rector of Christ church, Allegheny, Pittsburgh; and missionary.

The Rev. Alfred A. Miller, deacon, rector of Trinity church Pottsville, Schuylkill county.

The Rev. George W. Natt, deacon, Missionary at Belle-Fonte, and parts adjacent, Centre county.

The Rev. Charles E. Pleasants, rector of St. Paul's church, Montrose; and St. Mark's church, New Milford, Susquehanna county, and missionary.

The Rev. Mortimer R. Talbot, rector of St. Paul's church, Chester; and St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook, Delaware county.

The Rev. William White, deacon, missionary at Butler co.; and Freeport, Armstrong county.

The Rev. Edwin W. Wiltbank, deacon, Rector of St. John's church, Concord, Delaware county.

The Rev. Charles H. Alden, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Thomas G. Allen, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Robert Ayres, Franklin, Venango county.

The Rev. Lewis P. W. Balch, deacon, officiating temporarily in St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Samuel C. Brincklé, Gray's Ferry, Assistant Minister of the Swedes' Churches.

The Rev. Jehu C. Clay, Philadelphia, rector of the Swedes' churches.

The Rev. Christian F. Crusé.

The Rev. William N. Diehl, Germantown, assistant minister of the Swedes' churches.

The Rev. William Douglass, (a colored man,) rector of St. Thomas' (African) church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Charles M. Dupuy, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Robert Dyce.

The Rev. Richard D. Hall, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Nathaniel Sayre Harris, deacon, officiating in the Congregation of the Evangelists, Southwark, Philad.

The Rev. William S. Hinds, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Joseph Jaquett, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John W. McCullough, deacon.

The Rev. John H. Marsden, Harrisburgh.

The Rev. Peter Van Pelt, Philadelphia, Secretary to the Board of Missions of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church.



The Rev. Thomas West, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Charles Williams, D. D., Philadelphia.

The Rev. James Wiltbank, Chaplain in the Navy of the United States.

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The foregoing list, containing the names of eighty-five Clergymen, is corrected to this date.

In conformity with Canon xiv, Sect. 1.

H. U. ONDERDONK.

Philad. May 15th, 1838.

#### MEMORANDUM.

The fifty-one clergymen first named, are entitled to seats in the Convention on May 15th.

The Rev. Mr. Wiltberger is entitled to a seat on May 17th.

The Rev. Mr. Clemson is entitled to a seat on May 18th.

The eleven Clergymen first named in the 'List Continued,' will be entitled to seats in May 1839, or previously, if they remain in their respective stations, or take such others as are recognised by the Constitution.

H. U. O.

The Rev. William N. Pendleton, deacon, of the Diocese of Delaware, is employed as Missionary at New London & Roads, and West Marlborough, Chester County.

1837			
May 11	To cash paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk account of Expenses in Episcopal visitations,		34 98
19	To cash paid the following Clergy towards their expenses in attending Convention, viz:		
	Rev. J. L. McKim,	\$11 20	
	R. U. Morgan,	5 00	
	E. Y. Buchanan,	3 15	
	John Reynolds,	1 40	
	Thomas Crumpton,	35 00	
	S. T. Lord,	35 00	
	Wm. Adderly,	31 50	
	Wm. Hilton,	3 50	
	George Drake,	11 62	
	V. E. Thorne,	10 50	
	J. M. Rogers,	5 60	
	Isaac Smith,	11 55	
	Geo. Mintzer,	2 80	
	L. N. Freeman,	30 80	
	J. Kerr,	30 80	
	G. Kirke,	2 10	
	N. Stem,	7 70	
	Dr. Geo. Upfold,	28 00	
	Being 70 per cent of their actual expenses.		267 22
23	To cash paid G. D. Rumbaugh, services, &c. attending the Convention in St. Andrew's church,		20 56
Nov. 7	To cash paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, account of expenses in Episcopal visitations,		95 39
1838			
Jan. 15	To cash paid Jesper Harding's bill for printing notices,		8 50
26	To cash paid W. Hoyland's bill for attendance on Standing Committee, &c.		12 00
Feb. 8	To cash paid Dr. De Lancey's account of postage,		3 00
April 10	To cash paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, account of expenses in Episcopal visitations,		55 00
May 8	To cash paid Jesper Harding for printing Journal of Convention, &c. per bill of 7th Sept. 1837,		112 67
	To cash paid the Secretary of Convention for porterage and postage,		3 50
	Balance,		7 66
			\$620 48

The above account has been examined by us and found correct.

PHILIP H. NICKLIN, }  
H. W. DUCACHET, } Committee.

*Philadelphia, May 8, 1838.*

1837					
May 9	By balance of former account,				76 13
13	By cash received of Christ church, Allegheny,				5 00
16	Christ church, Huntington, Adams co.				4 37½
	St. Andrew's, Philadelphia,				40 00
	St. Stephen's, Philadelphia,				64 63
17	St. Matthew's, Francisville,				5 00
	St. John's, Concord,				5 00
	St. Peter's, Butler,				5 00
	St. Thomas, Morgantown,				1 24
	Trinity, Oxford,				8 50
	Trinity, Easton,				5 00
	St. John's, New London & Roads,				3 42
	St. Stephen's, Harrisburg,				6 40
	Calvary,				8 00
	St. James', Perkiomen,				3 93
	St. James', Muncey,				5 00
	St. John's, Concord, for arrears,				5 00
	St. James', Lancaster,				15 16
	St. Mark's, Mauch Chunk,				5 67
	St. Paul's, Bloomsburg,				5 45
	St. Gabriel's, Sugar Loaf,				2 95
	Christ church, Jerseytown,				2 76
	St. John's Northern Liberties,				8 00
	St. David's, Radnor,				3 62
	Christ, Reading,				5 00
	St. Mary's, Hamilton,				5 00
	Christ, Meadville,				11 32
	St. Peter's, Waterford,				2 55
	Trinity, Rockdale,				1 45
	Georgetown,				1 25
	St. Paul's, Beaver,				2 62
	St. Martin's, Marcus Hook,				4 60
	St. John's, Pequea,				3 38
	Christ, Leacock,				7 25
	St. Peter's, Great Valley,				5 00
	St. Paul's, West Whiteland,				5 34
	Dyberry, Wayne co.				5 00
18	Bangor church, Churchtown,				2 50
	St. Luke's, Germantown,				8 25
	St. John's, Norristown,				5 25
	All Saints', Lower Dublin,				6 00
	St. Andrew's, West Vincent,				4 50
	Christ, Brownville,				10 94
	St. Peter's, Pike Run,				4 42
	Trinity church, Connellsville or Newhaven				5 00
	Christ church, Greensburg,				4 31
20	St. Paul's, Kittanning,				2 37½
29	Christ, Philadelphia,				55 00
1838					
April 4	Grace church, Philada. collection 25th ult.				40 86
11	Epiphany, do. do. 1837,				13 00
	Epiphany, do. do. 1838,				17 73
May 3	St. Peter's, do. Jo. 1838,				30 00
4	St. Stephen's, do. do. 1838,				35 36
7	Trinity, Southwark, do. 1838,				20 00
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					\$620 48
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8	By balance,				7 66
Errors excepted.					

Tobias Wagner, Treasurer.

*Dr.*

*Episcopal Fund in account with*

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The undersigned, appointed by the Standing Committee, do certify that they have examined the foregoing account and find the same correct. They have also examined the certificates of Stock in which the fund is invested and found the sum amounts to sixteen thousand and two dollars four cents.

BENJAMIN DORR, } Committee.  
TOBIAS WAGNER, }

*Philadelphia, May 8, 1838.*

1837			
May 16	By cash for collection in St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, for 1837,		50 00
17	Trinity church, Easton,	\$ 5 00	
	St. James' church, Perkiomen,	7 83	
	Trinity church, Oxford,	9 44	
	St. Mary's church, Chester co. 1836,	3 50	
	do. do. do. 1837,	3 03	
	St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg,	5 31	
	Bangor church, Churchtown,	4 06	
	St. Thomas' church, Morgantown,	1 40	
	St. David's church, Newtown, Radnor,	3 62	
	St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg,	3 18	
	Christ's church, Reading,	10 00	
	St. John's church, New London,	2 22	
	St. John's church, Northern Liberties,	10 00	
	Dyberry Parish, Wayne co.	5 00	
	St. Mark's church, Honeybrook, Chester co.	2 56	
	All Saints' church, Lower Dublin,	9 50	
	St. Andrew's church, West Vincent, Chester co.	5 00	
	St. James' church, Lancaster,	42 67	
			133 32
20	Trinity church, Pittsburg,		26 50
29	Christ church, Philadelphia, collection made on Sunday, 21st inst.		55 30
1838			
April 11	Church of the Epiphany, received from L. R. Ashurst, Warden thereof, being the collection for 1837,	\$13 00	
	And collection for 1838,	44 04	
			57 04
10	Grace Church, Philadelphia, received from Geo. Clay, Warden,		21 90
27	St. Gabriel's church, Morlatten, received by mail in a letter without signature,	\$2 60	
	Less postage paid on do.	20	
			1 80
			\$345 86
	By balance,		42
1837			
Aug. 5	Six months interest on State 5 per cents belonging to the Episcopal Fund,		397 55
1838			
Feb. 5	Six months interest on State 5 per cents belonging to the Episcopal Fund,		397 55
			\$795 52
May 8	By balance in the hands of Treasurer,		42

PHILIP H. NICKLIN,  
Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund.

May 8, 1838.



## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

*Stock bought for the Episcopal Fund.*

1837 June 2, \$240 74 Penn. 5 per cent stock, redeemable in 1853 at  
 \$100½ per cent. \$241 94  
 1838 May 4th, \$100 Penn. 5 per cent stock, redeemable in 1853 at 103½  
 per cent. \$103 50

Transferred to John Read, Thomas Hale, James S. Smith, and Philip H.  
 Nicklin, Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.

Received payment,

Wm. DAVIDSON & SON.

The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, is invested in five  
 per cent. stock of the State of Pennsylvania, and amounts at this time to  
 sixteen thousand and two dollars and four cents. \$16002 4

THOMAS HALE,	} Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.
JOHN READ,	
JAMES S. SMITH,	
PHILIP H. NICKLIN,	

The following paragraph was added to the IVth Article of the Constitu-  
 tion, at the Convention of 1838.

When any church which has been admitted a member of the Convention  
 of this diocese, shall, for three years, have made no parochial report to the  
 same, no missionary report being made in its behalf, and, during the same  
 period, shall neither have employed a clergyman as its parish minister, nor  
 requested of the Bishop to have the services of a missionary, the said church  
 shall no longer have a right to send a deputy or deputies to the Conven-  
 tion; and it shall be the duty of the Convention to declare the same. But  
 any such church shall again acquire that right, if, on its application, ac-  
 companied with a report of its condition satisfactory on the points herein  
 mentioned, the Convention shall agree thereto: and this right shall take  
 effect from and after the rising of the Convention so agreeing.

The following addition was made to Canon IX, at the Convention of 1837.

Section VI. The standing committee shall, before the meeting of each  
 annual Convention, prepare a report, to be submitted thereto, of every  
 church, a member of this Convention, which, for three years, has made no  
 parochial report to the same, no missionary report being made in its behalf,  
 and which, during the same period, has neither employed a clergyman as  
 its parish minister, nor requested of the Bishop to have the services of a  
 missionary.

The following Resolution was passed at the Convention of 1838.

Resolved, That a copy of this alteration of the Constitution, now finally  
 approved of and adopted by this Convention, be sent by the Secretary to  
 every church which has been admitted a member.